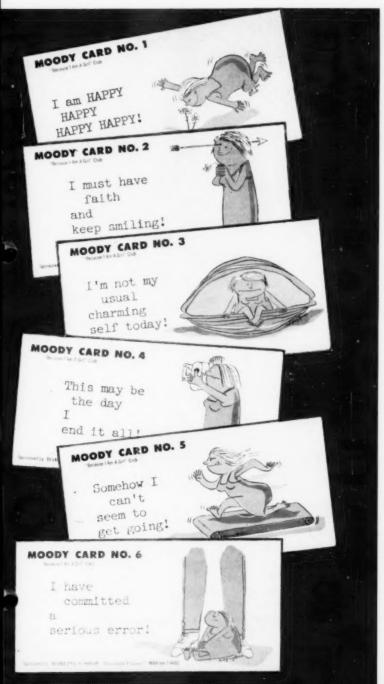
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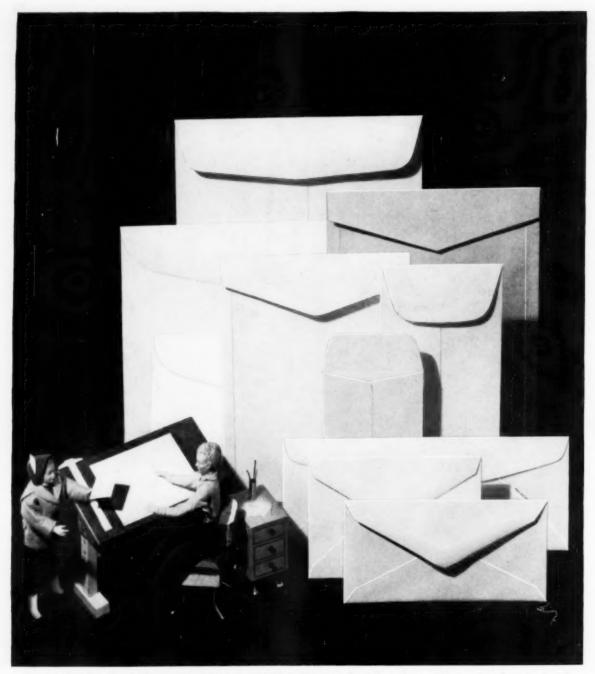
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See Page 21.



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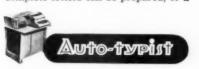
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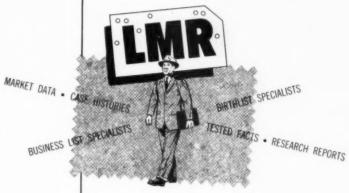
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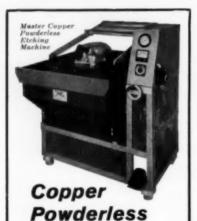
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Direct Mail Advertising, 224-7th St., Garden City, N. Y.

☐ THE OLD YEAR of 1959 comes to a close for The Reporter with this issue. It has been a good year; many new friends to read the magazine; much encouragement and support from old friends among subscribers and advertisers. Hope all of you will have a pleasant holiday season during which you should dream up plans to make 1960 the "best yet."

JII.

☐ THE 55th ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Lithographers & Printers National Association will be held April 25-28, 1960 at the Boca Raton Club, Boca Raton, Florida. It's an important period to mark on your calendar. An outstanding business program is being planned.

☐ THE NEW TREND TO TOP-LEVEL SELLING is the title of a most interesting 16-page "report to management" recently released by the Research Institute of America, Inc., 589 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. The report was researched and written for RIA by marketing consultant, Harry G. Burger, 100 E. 16th St., Brooklyn 26, N. Y. Statistics and charts prove that top approval for purchase orders is required at a much lower dollar level than many suppliers assume. For instance, presidential approval is required in no less than 75% of all major purchases for manufacturing corporations. The report suggests ways of stepping up sales-supporting activities aimed at the executive level. Included is this statement: "Direct mail is apparently the instrument used by more firms than any other." The complete report should be read by every serious user of businessto-business direct mail. RIA has agreed to supply copies to Reporter readers who write.

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☐ CONCERNING TOP-LEVEL SELL-ING (see above) the following item appeared in recent issue of "The Ambassador"—house magazine of R. O. H. Hill, Inc. (letterhead specialists), 270 Lafayette. St., New York 12, N. Y. "64% of industrial calls, reported Sales Management Magazine recently, are made on the

wrong man. Holy Smokes! In the opinion of the sales executives interviewed, 27% of their salesmen's calls should have been directed to top administrative management and only 7% to middle execs and assistants. Actually, only 7% were made to top level decision makers and 32% to the lowest classification."

J.J.

☐ JUST HALF THE PAPER handling will now be required to print hm's and booklets by offset, claims Addressograph-Multigraph, if their new Model 1250b is employed. Machine has a larger image area . . . 50 square inches more than



conventional models. Letter-sized forms run two to a sheet can be reproduced at rate of 35,000 hourly. Full information about this new Multilith Offset unit can be obtained by writing manufacturer at Cleveland 17, Ohio.

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☐ THINGS TO WATCH on Post Office developments: Post Office will probably get all the power it needs to use any suitable method of transportation. Will not be limited to rail or truck delivery on first class mail. ‡ Post Office has been developing a "facsimile mail service," but there will be strong lobbying to prevent its introduction. Your letters of the future may be transmitted from New York to Los Angeles in a matter of split seconds . . . either typed or handwritten. Methods being worked out to keep such matter confidential. ‡ Farrington Mfg. Co. of Alexandria, Va., has a contract

with the Post Office to develop a more advanced electronic automatic reader of addresses on envelopes . . . which will be part of a fully automatic letter sorting system. Pitney-Bowes of Stamford, Conn., has a \$21/4 million order for 75 automatic mail facing and canceling machines (goodby to the old manually operated "pianos"). ‡ If you would like a complete description of "The World's Most Mechanized Post Office" (at Washington, D. C.) . . . write to L. Rohe Walter, special assistant to the PMG for press relations, at Washington, D. C. and ask for the printed story. Very interesting. (If you get to Washington, arrange for a tour.) ‡ There will be many shenanigans behind the scenes during 1960 to determine future of Railway Express and Parcel Post. There will be stringpulling by shippers, railroads, airlines, truckers, freight forwarders, the Post Office Dept. and others. Some people want one central agency to handle all parcel shipments by combination of rail, truck, air . . . including air freight. But the possibilities for dissension are obvious. The public will just have to sit back and wait for the battle to be resolved. ‡ See Scuttlebutt for more information on efforts to increase the Postmaster General's power to censor the mail

THE "LAIRD" PHOTOCOPY MA-CHINE has been announced by Hunter Royal Scot Copymor Equipment, 566 Spencer Street, Syracuse 4, New York. The Laird eliminates the need for a new negative for each copy. Once the negative is made from the original, then



any number of positives can be made from that negative. Machine handles anything up to 12" wide, reproduces pen, pencil, crayon, type, printing, and can duplicate color originals in black and white.

MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN for a political club in Florida made a statement which should set a new world's record for something or other. In the last paragraph on the fourth page this phrase appeared after describing the cost of getting out bulletins and operating as a public service: "So if you do not receive a copy, send in \$5 and get on our mailing list." Which reminds us that a



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18120 James Couzens Hghy. Detroit 35, Michigan short time ago we received a letter from a friend who did not have our correct address. He put a P.S. on the letter— "If you do not receive this, let me know and I'll send another." He was serious, too.

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☐ ANOTHER MISTAKE which caught our eye this past month came from an insurance company in the Midwest. Had the appearance of a big mass mailing. The form letter which was dated October 16, 1959 outlined a very special offer. A P.S. at the bottom of the letter stated: "This offer subject to expiration on October 30, 1959." Our mailman delivered it on November 3 at 2 p.m. in the afternoon. Moral: If your offer has a legitimate time element, don't trust third class. Mail first class.

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☐ SOME OF US DO NOT REALIZE how important the mail order catalog has become in keeping small rural merchants in business, and in a fairly good competitive position with the large retailer. Some mail order catalogs go only to these small retailers and do not get into the hands of the consumer. One good example is the 624-page fall holiday catalog released by Milway, Inc., 3801 W. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee 1, Wis. to 58,000 small retailers throughout the United States. Eight different printers were used to prepare the big job. Nine art studios, six photographic studios and four type houses participated in the preparation. 228 pages are in full color, while a large percent of the balance of the pages is in two-color process.

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"TEN RULES . . . for Choosing and Working with Printers" is the subject of an interesting three-wing, 33/4" x 81/2" folder being distributed by Guaranty Printing & Lithograph Co., 809 Mission St., San Francisco 3, Calif. It was written originally by Jack Shelton, direct mail consultant, 69 Crecienta Drive, Sausalito, Calif. for the students in his direct mail course at Golden Gate College. We would like to reprint the brief but intelligent rules, but they've been copyrighted. Understand Jack gives reprint privileges for a slight charge to printers for their own self-advertising. You can get a copy by writing to Jack. Better send him a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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☐ WANT A HELIOCHRONOMETER?
We got one in the mail from the Lamp
Division of General Electric, Nela Park,
Cleveland 12, Ohio. It's a clever little
device, and works on much the same
principle as the sundial. More accurate

though. GE sends an explanatory booklet along with it, and also a company newspaper Facts of Light which reports latest developments on new lamps and lighting practices. Limited supply is available from GE. Send 25¢ (postage and handling) if you're interested.

THE UNENLIGHTENED EXEC in that swivel chair did a swell job promoting space ads for McGraw Hill Publishing Co., 330 W. 42nd St., N. Y. 36, N. Y. Now he's been put to work on a direct mail piece for Agency Lithograph Co., 216 S.E. Grand Avenue, Portland 14, Oregon. Format is a smart adaptation of the original space ad, supplying



Agency Litho's answers to all the execs' questions, such as, "I don't know who you are . . . I don't know your company . . . etc." Booklet winds up neatly with a tipped-on business reply card which has Mr. Exec saying "Now I know just enough to want to know more" . . . inviting recipient to send for further information. (Lest plagiarists and pilferers run rampant, Agency Litho got McGraw Hill's permission to use the idea.)

☐ IDEA ART, 309 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. 16, N. Y., just sent us their new idea kit, sampling 45 different letterhead designs for dm users. Art is attractive and worth looking at if you'd like some fresh ideas for your campaigns.

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☐ BACON'S PUBLICITY CHECKER for 1960 is being released now, with a new innovation. Present edition represents over 3,500 changes from prior book, and Bacon announces that this year, regular revision sheets will be sent out to book owners in February, May and August to keep the Checker as upto-date as possible throughout the year. This handy book lists 3,567 different

publications, and keys them according to editorial content. Makes it easy for publicity departments to aim their news effectively. Publications are divided by industry, and cross catalogued alphabetically. Editor's name is also given. Book sells for \$25 - will be sent on approval by Bacon's Clipping Bureau, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Illinois.

☐ NICE SUCCESS STORY was registered by Advertising Letter Service, 2930 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan. They entered five separate competitions at this year's MASA convention at Montreal, and walked off with a blue ribbon for all five. Bob Vander Pyl, ALS's president, is proud as punch over the sweep. Competitions entered were Printing, Multigraphing, Automatically Typed Letters, Administrative Forms and Creative Field.



☐ HERE'S A NEAT IDEA for a saleable item: As old convention hands, we were intrigued by a new compact kit designed and offered by Kit-Kraft, P. O. Box 43, Lexington 73, Mass. Advertising and sales executives responsible for firm's exhibits at trade shows are always in a dither for a hammer, saw, screwdriver,



pencil, cleaning cloth or something to fix up a spot gone wrong. The 12 x 16 x 5inch executive style kit contains just about every possible fix-it tool or supply which could be needed at an exhibit . . . with room left over for show papers, correspondence, etc. Sells for \$39.95 f.o.b. Lexington. For more information, William H. Buck, 32 Wyman Road, same



☐ EARTHMEN who are thinking about a short jaunt to Mars or Pluto over summer vacation might get a boot out of cute booklet put out by Avion Division of ACF Industries, 11 Park Place, Paramus, N. J. Called "What Every Space Traveler Should Know," and deals with day-to-day problems such as eating, apparel, what to do and see, the "right" places etc. More practical minded readers will be interested in charts on com-



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munications set-up, luggage weights. For DM users, there's a Space Mail section showing delivery schedules. Moon is only 8½ hours off, but Neptune takes about 13 years. Mail now for early 1973 returns.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE has two books out that you might be interested in. First, Compilation of Manufacturing Statistics, gives up-to-date and comprehensive account of major steps in compiling industrial statistics, sells for \$1.75. Second book called Annual Survey of Manufacturers 1957, gives data on shipments of products, inventories, payrolls and man-hours, costs, expenditures etc. This one is \$2.75. Write U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

JT.

☐ AN EIGHT-PAGE BROCHURE called "Sales Producing Exhibits" is being offered by GRS&W (Gardner, Robinson, Stierheim & Weis, Inc.), 5875 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh 6, Pa. Brochure describes and illustrates 14 different exhibits, each solving a typical problem exhibitors come up against. GRS&W is a large builder of exhibits, and they've put together a very informative and comprehensive brochure. Recommended for trade show and convention enthusiasts.

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☐ A SIMPLE TAN FOLDER caught our eye the other day. Unpretentious tan paper cover with four pages of copy—offset on onion skin—stapled to the cover. Piece promoted the President's Guide, a 1,300 page book published by Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N. J. Geared to presidents of smaller companies, it covers such things as personal taxes, raising cash and answers some of those ticklish questions and problems presidents run up against.

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1,000,000 CHRISTMAS GIFT BOOKS were mailed out to members by Diner's Club, 10 Columbus Circle, New York, on October 15th. This 28 page catalog features 236 items ranging from less than \$10 to an \$800 mink stole. Members can pick the gifts they want to send, and bill it on their credit card. John Plain and Co., 75 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, is the sole supplier of merchandise for the gift service. Last year Diner's Club employed the "choose-your-own" system whereby members would have booklets sent by Diner's Club to giftees, displaying various gifts in a specified price range. Gift receiver could then choose his own gift from the booklet.

Response to the format was lukewarm, so Diner's Club feels this year's DC Christmas Gift Book will meet with greater enthusiasm as gift buyer would select the gift and order it sent.

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☐ WEATHER-MINDED WNBQ in Chicago sent an outdoor thermometer to agency time-buyers plugging station's twice daily weatherman, Harry Volkman. Thermometer is usual circular device and comes with glue for attaching on outside of window pane, facing in, so it's easy to see if it's long-john weather outside. Face of the thermometer reminds user to listen to Volkman and WNBQ.

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☐ HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW'S Nov.-Dec. issue has an article entitled "Advertising Agency Costs & Profits," written by Frederic Gamble, President of the American Association of Advertising Agencies. Article deals with causes of agencies margin-of-profit decline over the past 15 years. It's an interesting story. Reprints are available from Harvard Business Review, Soldiers Field, Boston 63, Massachusetts. Price is \$1.00 singly, with considerable savings on orders of two or more.

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□ NO, WE DON'T own stock in Hub-Mail, 100 Washington Street, Boston 18, Mass., but it must seem that way . . . the way we mention them. They have another mailing piece out, this time an aerated shaving bomb labeled "Exclusively Yours." Copy on the label proclaims "Exclusively Yours for shaving, and Hub Mail for saving." Supposed to have been formulated expressly for HUB MAIL FRIENDS. Considering price of the can and the 19½ cents postage, we can believe it.

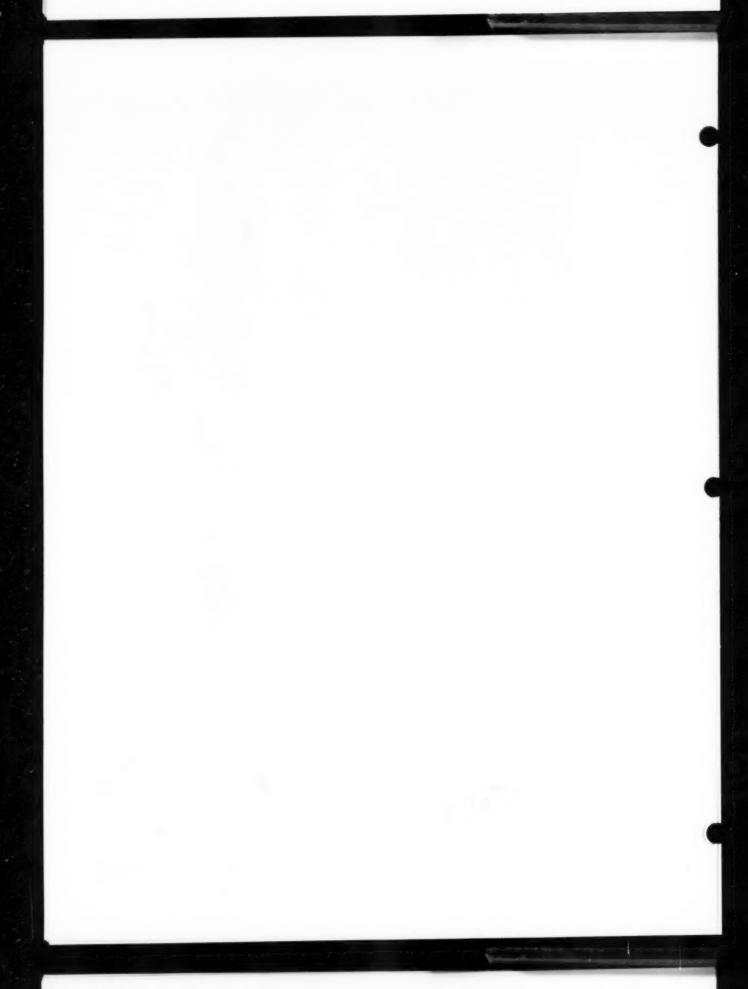
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☐ THE REFLECTOR is a monthly house magazine for the sales force of the State Farm Insurance Companies, Bloomington, Ill. We always enjoy going through their 81/2 x 11-inch slick paper issues. Well written. But we liked particularly recent special issue devoted exclusively to describing the six State Farm "Olympic" conventions to be held during May and June of 1960. Will be attended by the "best of the best" sales "qualifiers." Conventions will be held in Houston, Salt Lake City, Denver, Philadelphia, Chicago and Miami Beach. The Chambers of Commerce in the six cities should be proud of this special issue . . . for each city gets a four-page glamorous pictorial description. No other sales pro-



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motion in issue except statement that five top company officials will travel to each of the regional conventions to reveal plans for the future. Fine job. Other companies staging regional sales meetings could well use this Reflector as a model.

JII

COMPANIES ARE PEOPLE is the title of an excellent 32-page, 33/4 x 7-inch booklet issued by the Caskie Paper Co. (paper merchants) of 308 E. 4th St., Charlotte, N. C. It's one of the best examples of paper merchant's self-advertising we have ever seen. In a friendly, non-bragging fashion, the booklet introduces and pictures all of the people in the Caskie organization who work with the customers . . . even including the warehouse workmen. After describing the people . . . the few remaining pages of the booklet tell about the extra services supplied by this paper merchant to customers throughout the Southeast section of the United States. The Caskie organization represents and handles the products of 46 fine paper mills in the country. To whoever designed this attractive booklet . . . we say congratu-

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ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE of introducing company executives came to us from Wolverine Tube, Division of Calumet & Hecla, Inc., 17200 Southfield Road, Allen Park, Mich. The 16-page, 5½ x 7½-inch booklet has the attractive cover pictured here—"Men of Wolver-



ine." Inside, each pages describes and pictures one of the company executives who deal with the customers. It is all in good taste . . . and sounds convincing.

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☐ ALWAYS ENJOY READING "Delta Digest," the monthly employee house magazine of Delta Air Lines, published at the Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, Ga. Editor is Bob Anderson, Jr. We think it's one of the most human, down-to-earth, best written employee house magazines in the country. It's filled with warm stories of activities among the employees. The October 1959 issue had a thrilling story about the experience of Stewardess Dorothy Connors, who on a flight from

Chicago to Jackson, Miss. suddenly had to take over as midwife. With the assistance of several passengers, she managed to deliver the first baby born on a Delta flight. Delta officials made much of a to-do over the unusual event, giving many presents and even stock certificates to the new air-born arrival.

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LAST YEAR we reported how the Elridge Advertising Agency (38 W. State St., Trenton, N. J.) initiated a weekly radio program to explain all forms of advertising. Was so successful . . . is being repeated in revised form this year. Glad to see that Miami will have the same sort of activity an Station WTHS-TV (6 p.m. each Thursday). Program is being moderated by Frank Dunbaugh, assoicate professor of marketing, University of Miami. Ad Club of Greater Miami is cooperating. Let's hope programs like these will help heal some of the scars on the image of advertising caused by the recent Washington uproar.

JT.

□ PICTURES TELL YOUR STORY is the title of a new publication produced by the National Publicity Council for Health and Welfare Services, Inc., 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. The 9½ x 11-inch, 52-page volume was written by Daniel J. Ransohoff and sells for \$1.75. It's a how-to book on why you should use photographs, the source of photographs, how to do the job for less money and all sorts of technical data. It's a valuable work for everyone who deals with photographs. Not necessarily restricted to the social service field.

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☐ HAVE YOU SEEN business reply permit envelopes with a continuous identification band running around both front and back? That is, the short horizontal lines at right edge. Should help postal clerks in sorting, except that bands appear at left on back of envelope. Only example we've seen so far was sent by Jack Davis of Central Technical Institute, 1644 Wyandotte, Kansas City 8, Mo., who originated it for his company. Continuous band can be printed easily without additional cost while envelope is being manufactured.

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☐ IT IS NOW OFFICIAL: Members of the National Industrial Advertisers Assn. after several years of confusion and argument, have finally voted to change the name of the organization to the Association of Industrial Advertisers. You will no longer hear of NIAA. It is now officially AIA. The mail vote on the



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SCREENED MAILING LISTS

THE FISK BUILDING 250 West 57 Street New York 19, N. Y. JUdson 6-2086 subject was 1,054 for and 216 against. Also getting approval during the same vote: the constitution was revised dealing with the purposes of the organization; dues of individual members were increased slightly; also now there is a fixed ratio of 60/40 of active members to associate members. That is, the suppliers and media representatives will now be limited to 40% of the national and local membership roster. The long argument is ended, and President John Freeman should have relative peace from here on out.

tem nearly a century ago. Nicholas Kelley, New York attorney, is president of the League. Many well-known figures in business are on the board or advisory committee. All citizens . . . particularly those who gripe about government . . . should read this enlightening booklet. They will be better informed. Eleven million people now work for the federal, state or local governments with a payroll of \$40 billion a year. They represent one out of every six working people in the country; their salaries take one-third of every tax dollar.



A A BOVINE WAGON-TRAIN clanged and clattered its way into The Reporter offices the other day, a noisy mailing from Green Giant of LeSueur, Minnesota. Papa Bull on the first card, Mama-Cow on the second and Junior on the third. Inside copy describes virtues and values of Kounty Kist products, a Green Giant subsidiary. Family is strung together by cotton cord attached to fully operative 100% copper cow bell. No beef here . . . it's a bully idea.

THE ADVERTISING COUNCIL, 1200 Eighteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C., has issued its 17th Annual Report for fiscal year 1958-1959. It's interesting to read how this war-inspired activity has grown. Pretty tough sledding in the early years. This last year the Council mustered a total of \$170 million worth of free advertising for Council prepared public service and government project campaigns. The total budget last year (covered by subscriptions from members and reimbursements for campaign materials) was close to a million ... \$906,922.67 to be exact. In the bank as a reserve for contingencies is the tidy sum of \$245,029.29. On a solid foundation!

"BETTER GOVERNMENT Through Better Personnel" is the title of a 12page, 8½ x 11-inch booklet issued by National Civil Service League, 315 Fifth Ave., New York 16, N. Y., which began its battle against the political spoils sys-(See top of next column)

SHAME ON SOMEONE who thought up the latest scheme to undermine confidence in mailed questionnaires. One of the largest and most reputable national shelter magazines recently mailed a twopage, twelve-section questionnaire . . evidently sent out in behalf of a carpet manufacturer-adviser. No request for signature. But a suspicious recipient thinking that answers must lead to a sales followup, searched for a hidden code. None on return envelope. But he placed the tinted questionnaire sheet under an ultraviolet lamp used in examining stamps . . . and there on the upper right hand corner was an otherwise invisible code number which would identify the respondent. That is dirty pool. It is deception of the worst sort. The guilty persons are being notified that their deception has been uncovered.

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☐ BETTER FIND A BETTER WORD:
One correspondent this month thinks copywriters should find a substitute for "better." He says it's tiresome finding that word repeated in so many pieces in the same mail. One day recently, he was solicited for "better telephone methods"; "how to read better"; and "better letters." He wants to know "better than what?"

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HUNDRED MILLION CLUB was gifted with a gavel at their meeting of November 12. Gavel was presented to club by Sam E. Gold, Secretary and Sales and Advertising Manager of

Lignum-Vitae Products, 96-100 Boyd Avenue, Jersey City, N. J. Sam's firm makes and sells a variety of products out of hard woods and conducts most of its business by direct mail.

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☐ THAT CHARACTER in the duster inspecting the eccentricities of the 1912 Kissel should have gotten himself one of those foreign "midgets." Notice the re-



semblance here between this University of Houston Alumni mailer, and ads for a certain French imported car? Not much we can add . . . it speaks for itself.

THE EVERY LETTER IS A SALES LET-TER is the title of a new 24-page, 51/4" x 71/2" booklet issued by The Lakeside Press, R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., 350 E. 22nd St., Chicago 16, Ill. Beautifully printed (naturally). It describes the Donnelley system of correspondence training for sales and service personnel. The sales training involves not only personal clinics, but Better Letters Bulletins. The editor lists 13 important rules which he follows in conducting the clinics or writing the bulletin. The booklet contains several examples of recent Better Letters Bulletins, Donnelley executives decided that their sales training program worked so successfully that they should share the technique with their customers and friends. Hence the booklet, which is available on aequest.

□ WE HAVE PRAISED several financial institutions for outstanding printed promotions wrapped around an annual report. Shouldn't forget The First National Bank of Tampa (Franklin, Madison and Tampa Sts., Tampa 1, Fla.). Their report for 1958 is a thing of beauty. 8½ x 11 inches, 16 pages, slick paper. Full-color photographs of bank facilities are brilliant . . . show all recent modern-

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LET'S HAVE
BETTER MOTTOES ASSOCIATION
2127 East Ninth St.
Cleveland 15, Ohio



Clicks Like a Lock!

Advertising with that
"instantaneous appeal" which tells
—impells—sells. Be convinced!

"That Jellow Bott" SL Leo P. Borr, Jr., 64 E. Jackson, Chicago izing renovations. Production was in the hands of vice president for advertising and public relations, Warren Terrell . . . assisted here and there by Ray Krakow of Hillsborough Printing & Lithographing Co. (Mississippi & Georgia Ave., Tampa 1, Fla.). Both should be proud of the results.

Whisper! Harris-Intertype, Cleveland, annual report for year ending June 30, 1959 is beautiful, spectacular, etc., as usual. We sorta get tired of mentioning these annual productions. Their excelence is on the verge of being monotonous. But they ought to be good with all those presses to work with . . and all the brains furnishing technical know-how.

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☐ EXECUTIVES of British and International Addressing Ltd., Reply-O-Letter licensees in London, England, received a royal welcome in New York on the first leg of their two-week October tour of direct mail facilities in the United States. They inspected operations of Fisher-Stevens, Clark O'Neill (both medical mailers), Ponton and Creative Mailing Service (the list compilers), New Era Letter, O. E. McIntyre, Circulation Associates and Maxwell Sackheim & Co. One of the highlights was a reception given by Reply-O-Letter Company on



October 13. In picture, you see left to right: A. Lyons, general manager, B.I.A.; C. R. Choquette, executive vice-president, Reply-O-Letter; Charles A. Binger, president, Reply-O-Letter; and H. S. Nelson, managing director, B.I.A.

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☐ TUT! TUT! Last place we'd expect to find a competitive slur against direct mail would be in a religious journal. "Our Sunday Visitor," a Catholic weekly going to 34,000 families, published in Huntington, Ind., is the culprit. Advertising department ran a house ad saying direct mail is too expensive for average business. Advertising in "Our Sunday Visitor" can appear for "only a fraction of the cost of direct mail." This is not honest selling, nor is it good logic.

□ NOW WE KNOW! A motivation research expert has come up with the strange finding that . . . "many men think that by eating ice cream they betray a certain lack of virility." Ice cream manufacturers are being urged to fight against this sales barrier. Just about as silly as some of the sex-slanted MR findings on cigars, automobiles, men's hats and what-have-you.

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□ EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE in The Reporter we have mentioned the fine direct mail work of Krout and Schneider, 350 Sansome St., San Francisco 4, Calif. This company operates one of the largest detective agencies in the United States . . . organized in 1927 with offices throughout the western area. Their direct mail has been tops. We were glad to see a full-page article about Ed Krout and Sam Schneider in a recent issue of The Recorder, San Francisco's only daily legal newspaper. Tells the story of their growth and operation.

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SAMPLING HAS BEEN USED for many years by Schneidereith & Sons, 208 S. Sharp St., Baltimore 1, Md. as the right technique for their own self-advertising. Every so often we can expect to get a mailing from Baltimore with a few words about the Schneidereith organization, but accompanying those words is an exact specimen of a recent job. One of the latest is a 16-page, 41/4 x 61/2-inch booklet prepared and furnished by Amoco gasoline dealers. It's a joke book for motorists, titled "Don't Stop Me," by Bennett Cerf. It's a good example of printer's self-advertising . . . and also a good sample of humor used for a serious purpose. All the jokes in the booklet are about motoring and as the introduction says, "The pleasures of motoring are increased by a sense of humor."

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☐ ANIMALS AGAIN: We've mentioned before how many people are using animal characters to put across a sales story (similar to the Beaver case in November Reporter). Found another member of the animal salesmen's club: The little Brown Bear used by Peerless Lithographing Co., 4301 Diversey Ave., Chicago 39, Ill. to answer inquiries, send samples of letterheads and sign followup letters (with a footprint signature). Folks who receive these humorous communications seem to like them.

☐ DMAA board member, Ferd Nauheim of Washington, D. C., speaking at an office supply dealers workshop in Chicago . . . gave these seven rules for success in direct mail solicitations: 1) Your message must be easily understood. 2) You should tell the prospect what you

can do for him. 3) You must talk about his interests, not about how great your company is. 4) Your mailing must quickly capture your prospect's attention, even if you use a gimmick. 5) Your message must be repeated over and over again. Plan a full campaign and don't quit in the middle. 6) Two or three mailings in rapid succession, at the start of a campaign, will gain interest and action. 7) If you want phone business—stress your phone number. Repeat—repeat—repeat!

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☐ IF YOU REALLY WANT an off-beat media for making contacts, try this gimmick employed by Art Batchelder of South Bend, Indiana. Art's in Mail Advertising, and every check he sends out has a reproduction of an ad reprinted on



PRESCRIPTION FOR MAKING MONEY

Use my Direct Mail Advertising regularly --- all year 'round, Profits grow like crazy!

Arthur J. Batchelder 725 W. Orchard St. South Bend 25, Ind.

the endorsement side. He uses three different ads — all of which have appeared in the Midwest edition of the Wall Street Journal. Art says it's too early to get definite contracts from his "money-stretching" idea, but already his checks have stirred up enough interest to get him in to see the right man.

☐ INVISIBLE INK can be used to create attractive business cards. Have a double purpose: (1) Identify the caller; (2) Do a selling job. Sales message appears on back when card is wet... otherwise invisible. You can get samples by writing to A. Adams at M. E. Moss & Co., 119 Ann St., Hartford 3, Conn.

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☐ THERE IS A NEW REVISED EDITION of the "Encyclopedia of American Associations." This reference guide covers America's 9,000 national associations, professional societies and other non-profit organizations. Describes purposes of each organization, when organized, membership and so forth. All cross-indexed for easy reference. Price is \$20 from Gale Research Co., 34th Floor Book Tower, Detroit 26, Mich. Recent form letter from M. E. Brown, research editor, offers the book on 30-day approval. ●

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To receive a free sample kit of the 6-piece direct mail campaign, write or phone Tullio Rossetti, Vice President, or Sparty Nardone, Sales Promotion Manager.

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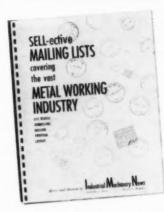
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If you like, any one of these experienced account reps will be glad to discuss the campaign with you personally: Norman Liebman, Alfred Froimson, Graham Silverstein, Walter Meinzer.

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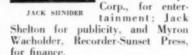
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Enthusiasm Grows for DMAA's San Francisco Convention, May 4-5

Steering committee chairman Jack Shnider, Zellerbach Paper Co., reports that preparations for DMAA's upcoming convention in San Francisco, May 4-5, are "going ahead full blast."

Selections for committee chairmanships include Richard C. Smith, The

Letter Shop, for promotion; Clifton Mayne, Sr., Lewis & Mayne, Inc., for program; Robert D. McIntyre, Southern Pacific Co., for arrangements; Paul Giovannoni, National Envelope



There is considerable enthusiasm being generated for this convention and attendance upwards of 500 from 11 western states is anticipated.

Ten Man Team to Work with Robert Dale On 1960 Miami Program

The program committee for DMAA's 1960 convention in Miami, October 9-13, has a big job on its hands. It is challenged with coming up with a program of sustaining interest to thwart the lure of lush, semi-tropical surroundings of the Americana Hotel.

Robert F. Dale, Creative Mailing Service, has enlisted ten top men for his program committee, including Harry Hites, Kiplinger Washington Editors; Maxwell Ross, Old American Insurance Co., Kansas City;
Charles R. Pope, Remington Rand;
Richard Eckman, Dickie-Raymond,
Inc.; Robert Bonebrake, Tension
Envelope Co., Kansas City; Charles
Whitebook, Bishopric, Green, Fielden,
Inc., Miami; G. W. Charlesworth,
Deere & Co., Moline, Ill.; Tad Myer,
Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co., Port
Edwards, Wisconsin; Myron Hartenfeld, Advertising Age, Chicago;
Edward Condon, Bankers Life, Chi-

Big and Small Firms Become DMAA Members

Every month sees an increase in DMAA membership. But rather than drone new statistics, a look at some organizations that have enrolled recently is more interesting.

Three giants on the roster of new members: Westinghouse Electric Corp., Montgomery Ward and Philco Corp. Others include a variety of interests: a famous resort, The Greenbrier at White Sulphur Springs, Va.; a bakery, Benson's Inc. in Athens, Ga.; a dry cleaning outfit, Don Schelen Ltd., in Halifax, Canada, and Cal-Oregon Ranch Co. of Los Angeles, which sells ranches and farms by mail.

Seven ad agencies on the list range from Hazard Advertising Co. on Madison Avenue to Foulke Agency, Inc. in Minneapolis.

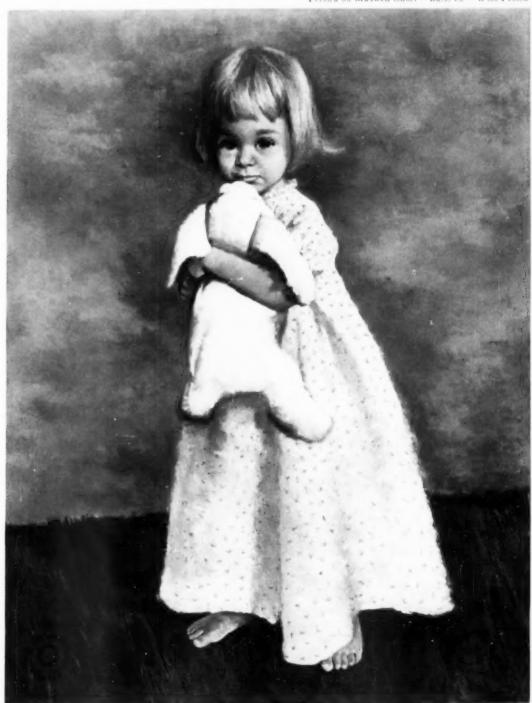
1960 DMAA Events

- Eighth Annual Circulation Workshop, Feb. 18, Hotel Plaza, N. Y.
- Sixth Annual Fund Raising, March 15, Hotel Plaza, N. Y.
- Third Annual Industrial Workshop, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- West Coast Convention, May
 4-5, San Francisco.
- Direct Mail Institute at University of Illinois, June 5-9, 1960, full week.
- 1960 43rd Annual DMAA Convention, Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida.



Joint Meeting of Ad and Direct Mail Clubs of Greater Miami

A turn-out of 140 for a joint meeting of Miami's Advertising and Direct Mail Clubs at the McAllister Hotel last month heard talks by four DMAA board members: S. Arthur Dembner, chairman, Ferd Nauheim, Gifford Booth, Jr. and Howard Turner. Those manning forks at the head table are, from the left, Dembner, Lou Entler, Nauheim, Charles Whitebrook, Hal Herman (behind microphone), Robert F. Delay, DMAA president, Booth, Jack Durant, Turner and Henry Hoke, Sr.



"Susan" by John McClelland

To you—and especially to the children you hold dear—a Merry Christmas from the makers of Howard Bond, and . . .



"Timmy" by John McClelland

from Maxwell Offset . . . a wonderful New Decade!

Walk into any secretary's office in Los Angeles . . . take a peek over, on or around the lady's desk and you're sure to find a sign signalling the lady's mood of the day. Like a barometer to a sailor at sea, this little sign preps the salesman for the tack of his sales talk. The message he reads tells the tale at a glance . . . he knows the disposition with which he has to spar is stormy as a tempest or light and bright as 21 carat sunshine; as gay as a lark on the wing or disposed to end it all this day.

And the girls who use this signalling system needn't sacrifice a single tiny bit of their virtue, modesty, or feminine demeanor by voicing angry verbs or descriptive adjectives. . . . Through it all she stays a lady, merely by pointing a pencil at her Moody card of the day. In Los Angeles she has a right to do this because she is a girl and she belongs to a club to prove it . . . the "Because I Am A Girl" Club.

This mood-of-the-day signalling system is a Direct Mail plan that has paid off in flower sales for Darling's Flower Shop in Los Angeles. Eleven months, sixteen days and nine hours ago the staff of Smith & Hemmings and Mr. John McCormick, owner of Darling's, sat down for a sales planning session. We needed a new approach to push flower sales up to a new plateau. Business was good, serving the wakes and weddings and other normal events calling for flowers . . . but how to make it better and fill the valleys in the sales profile?

We noodled every idea and covered every sales base. We even likened flowers to fresh vegetables . . . neither improve with age . . . vegetables begin to smell, flowers lose their fragrance. We could offer dayold flowers at a reduced price, but who would want to buy a puckered-up posie at any price?

REPORTER'S NOTE:-

That universal outery that men don't understand women gets a going over in this tentertaining story by Bob Hemmings. And if you don't feel a slight pang of familiarity when you read about "les femmes"..., you're either inhuman er single. Bob Hemmings is very human and not very single... wife Peggy and daughters Ann and Jill. He's a grad of USC, served in Marines for five years, and started after War as copywriter for Eric Smith and Guy Burroughs. Right now he's VP at Burroughs Direct Mail Advertising and a partner in Smith & Hemmings. He's a Past President of the Los Angeles Advertising Club, and a member of MASA and DMASA.

How a unique club for secretaries makes a



FLORIST'S SALES BLOOM

by **Bob Hemmings** Partner, Smith & Hemmings, Advertising Direct By Mail

No—the answer had to be in increasing the purchasing incident of flowers . . . to get more business from our present customers and additional business from competitors' customers. Then we looked at our market . . . business men . . . and found that these men ordered flowers when they thought of them, but the purchase was always made by the secretary (99 44/100 of whom are girls) and not often the idea of buying flowers was initiated by the secretary.

Girls, then, was our market . . , secretaries, the lever for tipping the sales scales. But how to appeal to women whose emotions are like the weather, constantly changing?

"With a club," suggested Bill Gray, the creative director for Smith & Hemmings.

Thinking this a joke, we laughed at Bill's suggestion. Then added, "sure — hit 'em over the head, cave man style! It may not get the order, but it sure will get their attention."

"Back up, boys," Bill cautioned—
"Think of the club as a fraternity or sorority. Make all the women mem-

bers of a club. After all" he added, "All women have one thing in common, one universal bond. Their life consists mainly of dealing with the superior attitude of men, who cause them no end of grievances.

"So let's form a 'Because I Am A Girl' Club. Make every secretary a member of the club and issue a membership card that says because she is a girl, she is entitled by birth to entertain vague, irrational views about politics, weather, wood carving, fish scaling, falconry, male hobbies, flowers for the Boss, MEN, and any other subject about which she may wish to express an opinion. BE-CAUSE SHE IS A GIRL, she may operate a motor vehicle without knowledge of internal combustion engines and hand singnals are optional. She is entitled to tender love and affection and she should never be shouted at. She may expect to receive flowers and whispered sweet nothings. She may cry if she chooses . . . BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL.

"OK, Bill," we said, "then what do we do for laughs as a follow-up? Have meetings in the town square?"

Being a bachelor and having a reputation as a gallant "knight in shining armor" manner with the ladies, we listened to Bill's words of wisdom about the female of the species. Calling on the philosophies of "gentlemen" of history, he outlined his plan.

"According to Voltaire . . . 'all of the reasonings of men are not worth one sentiment of women' . . . and buying flowers is a sentimental purchase. Irving Cobb opined 'a capacity for self-pity is one of the last things that any woman surrenders.'"

Then Bill added a prime piece of his own psychology . . . "The worst thing you can do to a woman is de-





BECAUSE I AM A GIRL CLUB

"Spiders & spails & puppy dog tails is what SOYS are made of -Sugar & spice & everything nice That's what GIRLS are made of!"

This familiar jingle was first discovered on the wall of a stone age cave. Ever since that classic realization, girl-children have sought increased recognition, with measurable success.

Delilah became the first lady barber when she clipped the locks from that somewhat shabby (and surprised) Camson fellow. Focahontar displayed an incredible knack for international diplomacy when she remained cals and persunsive during a situation that nearly saw brave Capt. Join Chith "lose his head" completely.

And so, Girls have successfully hurtled through history with the And so, while have successfully nurried through instory with the intensity of a mammith showball - that has once to rest at the bottom of the instorical hill - and taken shape in the Darling's shop 'Berause I Am A firi,' Club. An honest-to-goodness-real-live Club dedicated to the rights and recognition of those wonderful people called girls. This is YOUR Club. YOU are a cherished member ... and we want you to enjoy yourself without obligation.

Today you have received the first of your exclusive "MODDY CARDS."
have them for you will soon have a complete set - an appropriate card for every situation. It will no longer be necessary for you to explain just now you FEEL each day. Simply display the proper MODDY CARD.

he proud of your Club - saily forth and beat your drum - display your card. Talk about your Club and think about it, for soon we will be asking your opinion and suggestions.

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F.S. Remember, there is no obligation. However, if your girlish intuition chooses Darling's Shop when you purchase flowers, we will do our very best to make your choice a happy one MEKANNE YOU ARE A GIRG.

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650 In Olive Street Los Angeles 14 Midrison 7-4655

Letter 1 introduced mademoiselle to the Because 1 Am A Girl Club, and gave her the first of the Moody Cards. When comparative silence and gave her the trist or the model Cards. When comparative sitence greeted the mailing, instigators mailed out letter 2 with Moody Cards 4, 5, and 6 . . . hoping for an outcry from wounded damsels who felt they'd been cheated out of cards 2 and 3. Happily the girls responded, and letter 3 included Moody Cards 2 & 3.



BECAUSE I AM A GIRL CLUB

Up in the sorming ... out of the hed After the alarm has TORN UFF your head

Fire up the coffee ... splash at your face You're late again so quicken the pace

Pull at the pins ... brush at your hair The spray didn't take, you've a "Fright Wig" there.

Sound familiar? Of course, it's the perfect beginning of one of those "Why Was I Surm!" type of days. However, at long last your "Because I As a dirt' Club has come to the rescue... with MRSE MODIF CAROL. Too have received your gay, Privation "Bappy Sappy" card. You proteinly Will not find Frequent ofcomion to see this card in a worrisons work-aday world for research has proven that subtree has a "Bappy" card remained in view for a full eight hours. So ... here are some cards with might

Now one Monoy Card #6 should be reserved for that time when you feel as if you would graduate last for a class for Advanced Banglers. Your approach to the pencil sharpener should be painfully graneful and accompanied by a brave smile. (In full view of your co-warmers) IN NOT SUSSY, sive someone, preferably your boos, that to stup you and foreive your sizes. If no rescue occurs maintain your smile to the end as it will insure Martyndom.

Noody Card #9 is appropriate when you find you have spent the entire morning in the wrong file jacket eagerly preparing involces for a product or service that was discontinued in early 1983.

Moody Card #0 is a tear-jerker designed specifically for your Boss. It should be supported by sobs and a twitch or two. (A small minot in the file drawer is dardy for extreme cases).

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Come in and may "Helio" the next time you are near Darling's Empa-are anxious to meet you and I am sure you will emply seeing our new and lovesty formal displays. And if you have may friends that would like to join the "Because I Am A Siri" Club, please send us their is and addresses. We would have to care them juin in the Fin.

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prive her of a grievance. So let's not do it. Let's give the gals little humorous illustrated cards depicting their every mood—plus a few they're not even aware of."

This, then, was the plan . . . to form a "Because I Am A Girl" Club, issue a Membership Card and in place of a monthly meeting, we would have a regular mailing consisting of a letter and several desk-size signs dramatizing typical feminine moods . . . thus was born the "Moody" Cards.

Initially our list was composed of the elite of secretaries in Los Angeles. 1000 secretaries received the first mailing with the Membership Card in the "Because I Am A Girl" Club.

We honestly expected a small flurry of excitement over the idea, but our high hopes were doused in the shadow of silence. Not dismayed, the first Moody cards were mailed two weeks later. Results: audible indications of delight—but still no earthquake of action.

Somewhat apprehensive about the reception, we decided to resort to a bit of honest trickery. The next mailing, we purposely omitted Moody cards number two and three and sent cards number four, five, and six. In addition to this, we inserted into the letter an inconspicuous offer to put the names of friends on the list to receive Moody cards.

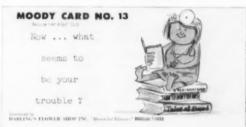
Then came the flash of lightning and the clap of thunder from readers. "Where," they asked, "are cards number two and three?" And in response to the suggestion that they submit names of friends to receive the Moody cards... 1500 new names were submitted. These names included housewives, school teachers, dieticians, technicians, and a lady wrestler. (Even a few men wanted "in"—for what dark purpose, we don't know!)

Bolstered with this reception, our courage was triggered to stir up some more action. The next mailing we asked the expanded Girls Club—2500 membership—to name the little character on the Moody cards, offering a nosegay of violets to the winning name. The ringing telephone bounced off the hook and the mail poured in, suggesting 1087 names. "Little Darling" was the name that won the blue ribbon and the nosegay.

One of the 2500 members of the "Because I Am A Girl" Club recently used her membership card to sneak out of a sticky situation with a traffic cop. Pulled over to the curb for a violation, she was asked to show her











driver's license. You guessed it—the lady presented her "Because I Am A Girl" membership card rather than the driver's license. The officer noted the statement authorizing her to operate a motor vehicle without knowledge of internal combustion engines. He took off his cap, wiped his brow and with a glint in his eye, chuckled "Well, lady, it says here you're entitled to be treated with love and affection . . . so that's what you'll be gettin' in place of the ticket I should be givin' you. Now be off with you, but mind your drivin' manners."

Is this campaign selling flowers for Darling's? Let me answer the question this way. Mr. McCormick is an astute business man. He has a going, growing business. He spends money only when he gets business in return.

We are now mailing Moody Card number 18. Never a day passes but that the telephone rings or letters are received, announcing a member of the "Because I Am A Girl" Club... most of the time flowers are ordered. The newest twist is ordering flowers for the secretary, paid for by the Boss—just because we sent a "hint hint" card for the secretary to display in front of the Boss, suggesting she too would enjoy flowers now and then.

This is a lighthearted campaign that has worked. Mr. McCormick of Darling's Flower Shop is driving a Cadillac . . . of course, he always did, even before the Girls' Club idea . . . but now he drives with a little more authority and confidence.



We think you'll find this report on a survey interesting . . . and if you're a retailer, you'll probably want to clip it out for future reference. Many of The Reporter's readers are newcomers to direct mail, some may be old hands who aren't fully aware of some facets of this complex medium. Just to clear things up, occupant mail is a form of mail advertising that is mailed to an address, not to an individual by name. Lists, compiled by such firms as OMLA, Reuben H. Donnelley Advertising Distributors of America, denote the street address, and not the person living there. Hence, this mail is delivered to "Occupant, and is used by a retail store to promote business in his immediate neighborhood.



A report of a survey among retail advertisers

by PETER S. FISCHER, Field Editor

EVALUATION of readership of direct mail pieces is nothing new. But it is something that is attempted all too infrequently. Surveys among the mailers are even rarer, and when we run across a good one, we think you ought to see it.

Two of these rare dealer-surveys have been reported in this magazine.... Donnelley Surveys Dealer Help Direct Mail (October, 1956) written by the late Andy Andersen; and Surveys Show the Importance of Dealer Identification and Product Awareness (April 1958) by Giles B. Mc-Collum, Vice President of Donnelley's.

The survey under discussion in this issue was initiated by Occupant Mailing Lists of America and conducted by Arthur Cullman Associates (both Columbus, Ohio) to discover the attitudes toward occupant mail among advertisers. A total of 17 OMLA customers were interviewed to explore reasons for use, and to determine prejudice which future surveys might seek to explain.

The statistics presented here do not pretend to be a cross section of all businesses. Only 17 known users of occupant mail were contacted. But the results are interesting and sometimes surprising.

There are two prime reasons for using occupant mail, the survey reports. 1) Many firms have no choice. They are small retail stores who draw trade from the neighborhood around them. Unless they are interested in expansion, any wider form of advertising might only result in costly wasted readership. 2) To meet a specific objective i.e., to promote a certain item, get names for a list, or merely to promote general traffic. (This is especially true of a new store.)

Here are a few of the reasons the 17 firms give for using occupant mail:

While these 17 users had definite reasons for using o.m., they had some reservations about the public's receptivity. Their opinions, based mostly on hunch, indicate the real need for more consumer studies. For example:

An independent supermarket uses occupant mail for weekend promotions "every two or three weeks." When asked why he didn't use it every week-end, he replied "People don't like it when it's used too often. You must have a really good promotion when you use it."

The owner of a drug store chain said, "I feel that occupant mailing is a good medium to build up a list of clientele in an area, but since my sales volume has reached a certain point I have decided to drop it. I believe it is good for introducing a new store in an area, but now that I have my three locations well established, I don't think it would do me any good."

A jeweler who uses occupant mail said "My trading area consists of one fourth of the city at a maximum and occupant mail keeps my costs in line with this trading

REASONS FOR USING FOR OCCUPANT MAIL

OBJECTIVE	Single Unit Stores	Multi-Unit Stores	Dealer Mailings	Insurance Company
Store traffic	5	5		
Don't use	1			
Introduce new sto	ore	2		
Test an area		1		
Develop leads for agents				1
Dealer request			1	
Mail catalog			1	
TOTAL	6	8	2	1

area. It is the only medium I can depend upon and the best method available."

Nine of the 17 firms have increased their use of o.m. while 3 have decreased during 1959. Five made no change. Of the nine firms who increased usage, four did so because their trading area had increased, while four others had found their mailings to be effective. The ninth firm increased due to a larger number of promotions. Two of the firms that had decreased occupant mailings used o.m. for new stores only. Only one of the 17 found the medium inaffective.

An insurance company contacted mailed about 3½ million pieces in 1958 and expects to mail 8 million in 1959. New business for 1958 was 42% greater than in 1957 and they expect another 50% increase in 1959. Much of this growth was attributed to occupant mail.

The 17 occupant mail users were asked to state their objections to this medium. Here is a breakdown of their replies. Again . . . this was opinion not backed up by their own research:

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Difficult to get quality mailing piece	4
	2
Too expensive in relation to hand distribution	1
No objections at all	2
	1
	1
Small town postmasters complain	1

Although nearly all the firms reported they are satisfied with the results they are getting from occupant mail, some firms feel that the voiume is so great that people aren't getting it, i.e. the message. Other firms feel that people resent getting anything in the mail on which their name does not appear. There is a feeling that this resentment may reflect on the advertiser's reputation. Those who expressed this objection seem to feel that the disadvantages may be more than offset by greater readership for occupant mail advertising than for newspaper advertising and the advantages of directed advertising.

(Note: Supporting this contention that the firms are getting results are these points from our April 1958 issue. A washing machine manufacturer mailed out three tabloid sheets for his dealers. Prior to the mailing only 15% of residents contacted knew who the dealer was. One week after the third mailing, the same people were contacted and 46% now knew who he was. Two weeks after this, another group was contacted. Of those who replied, 66% remembered the ads, 48% could name the brand, and 42% could name the dealer.

A month after the third tabloid sheet was mailed out, a survey was made among the dealers who had participated in the mailing.

In a future survey of dealers, 53% stated they would use at least 3 tabloid sheets in their next mailing, 12% of the dealers rated the effectiveness of the campaign as "very good;" 35% said was "fair;" while the rest said either "poor" or "don't know." BUT when asked if any sales could be credited to the mailings 87% of the dealers said 'YES!'.)

Of the 17 firms in the OMLA survey, 14 also utilized metropolitan newspaper advertising. Seven of the firms considered this to be their most important medium, while 6 ranked occupant mail as first. However, only two firms ranked metropolitan newspaper ads second, while six more ranked occupant mail as their second choice.

Here is a table showing the percentage of advertising budget allocated to metropolitan newspapers and occupant mail compared with how each advertiser ranked the importance of each medium to his business. (See top of next column.)

Percent of advertising budget in newspapers and direct mail compared with rank of importance of each medium

Firm	% to met. newspapers	rank of met. newspapers	% to occ. mail	rank of occ. mail
Ind. Supermarket	0	0	95	1
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Variety Store	60	1	30	2
Chain Hardware	20	2	75	1
Ind. Furniture	90	1	10	2
Ind. Hardware	15	3	50	2
Savings & Loan	30	3	30	1
Chain Drugs	100	1	0	2
Ind. Jewelry	0	0	75	1
Ind. Grocer	70	1	3	4
Chain Hardware	35	4	65	2
Chain Furniture	65	1	8	4
Chain Food Store	65	1	8	2
Paint Mfgr.	70	2	6	1
Plumbing Mfgr.	0	4	90	1
Life Ins. Co.	0	3	90	1
Petroleum Firm	N.A.	2	N.A.	4

The survey disclosed that users do very little to evaluate the results of their mailings. Five mentioned they gauged results by overall sales, while four more counted the unit sales of specific advertised items. Three made no attempt whatsoever to evaluate the effectiveness of their advertising.

(Note: Our October 1956 article discussed a survey much like the washing machine survey previously mentioned. It made the point that dealers generally underestimate the effectiveness of manufacturers dealer-name-imprinted occupant mail. Two reasons were given. We quote them.

1. They (the dealers) are unaware of how many inquiries and eventual sales result from these mailings because prospective buyers seldom mention receiving mailing pieces. Moreover, there may be several salespeople at the dealer's place of business and he may be unaware of what his employees know of the response to mailings.

2. The dealer tends to judge the effectiveness of these promotions on the basis of immediate results. Obviously the tabloids reached a number of people who were not in the market for any washing machine, but the dealer has no way of measuring how many of these are favorably influenced and will eventually become prospects. Because of these two factors, it is safe to say that a survey such as this one gives a minimum estimate of the campaign's results.)

One variety store questioned during the OMLA survey does make an attempt at evaluation. They keep a book in which every advertisement, both newspaper and occupant mail, is posted. The cost of the ad, the unit and dollar sales of advertised items are marked opposite the advertisement. The basis upon which different ads are compared is the cost per customer attributed to the ad lf an ad costs \$132 and 66 units of the advertised item are sold, the cost per customer is \$2. This may be compared for both newspaper and occupant mail ads.

17 stores don't represent a nation of small businesses, but still it is interesting to see the pros and cons of occupant mail . . . even among its users. Like many other phases of the direct mail industry, our knowledge of occupant mail and its effectiveness is still shadowy. Some of this shaded area has been illuminated by this survey, and while not conclusive in itself, it points the way to a better understanding and fuller knowledge of this medium.

How I Solved a Help Wanted Problem

by William J. McKenna Vice President, Old Equity Life Insurance Company



REPORTER'S NOTE:

Bill McKenna's no stranger to the medium of direct mail, but before this experience, had never used it to hire help. Think you'll enjoy this story of how a simple mailing solved a personnel problem. Author Bill McKenna has been with Old Equity Life Insurance for the past 9 years, became a Vice President last February. He's a charter member of the Mail Advertising Club of Chicago . . . has served as a dm consultant to various advertising agencies, and during the war, was a radio gunner in the Mediterranean. Right now Bill's writing a book on latest uses, trends and techniques of dm. It ought to be a good one. Will let you know when it's published.

H1, NEIGHBOR!
That's the breezy, informal salutation we at Old Equity Life Insurance Company used on a letter addressed to nearly 2,000 families within easy walking distance of our Executive Offices in Evanston, Ill.

Here's how the story began—with direct mail. Old Equity Life Insurance Company is growing rapidly (e.g., our new business for the first eight months of 1959 is 35.42 per cent above the same period in 1958), thanks in great part to a liberal use of direct mail (more than six million pieces in 1959) to furnish our agents in 15 states with "live" leads for our health and accident, life, and other insurance programs.

Naturally, this fabulous growth has created the age-old problem of adding new employees to handle the increase in business. Girls are needed to fill jobs as stenographers, typists, file and IBM clerks. The personnel department had tried classified ads in the nearby suburban newspapers and all the Chi-

cago dailies . . . but without success.

Then in a staff meeting we discussed the possibility of hiring women who lived in the neighborhood.

I wrote a letter, to be signed by my secretary, Dorothy Hoagland (see copy), which would be individually addressed to some 2,000 families in a 20-square block area surrounding Old Equity's Executive Offices. The area was selected because Dorothy herself lives just one block from our offices in Evanston, a northern suburb of Chicago.

The combination of the friendly style and the personalized direct mail brought results. Twenty to 25 women telephoned, many of them asking to talk with Dorothy personally. Ten people came in for interviews. One girl has already been hired as a secretary.

Even the men responded to the letter. A retired wall paper salesman was attracted to Old Equity by the letter and came in for an interview. He now has our agent's sales kit.

Other features of the mailing include the good will that has been promoted for Old Equity and the wordof-mouth advertising that has resulted. Our employees report that many people have congratulated them on the letter and working for a company which is obviously modern, progressive, and believes in good human relations. Even the jaintor's wife in Dorothy Hoagland's apartment building inquired about the letter, and said she would be interested in a part-time job.

The mailing was effective, but how much did it cost? Two thousand letters were printed photo-offset at a cost of \$21.00. A mailing house individually addressed 1,877 envelopes at a cost of \$19.71. The first-class postage cost \$75.08. Grand total: \$115.79. That price compares favorably with the cost of classified ads in the suburban papers and metropolitan dailies.

Good will and word-of-mouth advertising—which you won't normally get from a classified ad—have to be added to the returns of the direct mail piece. Even with 38 envelopes returned (because of address changes), the letter actually reached 1,839 persons.



September 2, 1959

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I really should say, "Hi," twice ... for I'we been living on Hirman Avenue for almost 17 years ... and also, I work practically 'round the corner (at 511 Chicago Avenue).

My boss (he's a V.P.), said to me yesterday, "Dorothy, we're growing at such a fantastic rate that one of these days ... we're going to be mighty short on office help." "In fact," he continued, "right now, Old Equity has immediate openings for stenographers, typists, dictaphone operators, accounting and file claris." "Maybe," he went on, "you'd better put an ad in the papers.

The pencil in my hami didn't make a mark on my notebook. I just stared right through him. Suddenly, a resounding, "Torothy, did you hear went I just said?" brought me back to my senses.

And then it hit me! Suddenly I was talking a blue streak. "Why not ask our neighbors if they'd like to work for Old Equity. After all, I know 10 girls here now who live within 5 blocks of the office," I rushed on. "Naybe they're just looking for a chance to work near home, or even perhaps trying to find employment (after years away from the business world).

The Boss looked thoughtfully at me. "O.K., Dorothy, it sounds like a good idea. Now ... TOU write these folks a letter and tell them to come in and see Mrs. Daggy, our Personnel Manager, anytime from 8:30 A.W. to 5:00 F.W. (Monday through Priday). Also, tell them that age is no restriction ... and if they're a little rusty in office procedure ... we'll be glad to give them training."

So Meighbor ... that's why I'm writing you this letter. There's not much to add other than to tell you that you'll enjoy our modern air conditioned offices ... Company lunch room ... and many extra benefits.

But come in and see for yourself. That's what I did & years ago ... and I'm not one bit sorry;

Cordially,

YOU have read hundreds of articles on "How to Keep Up a Mailing List." So the problem of keeping lists current should be solved for everyone. The big problem that has not been solved is:HOW TO MAKE LIST-KEEPERS CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS WHEN YOU MOVE.

Watts, Payne — Advertising, Inc., has moved three times in its almost 30 years of operation in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The agency has gained much experience in changing offices, and has the physical moving operation down to a fine point. However, getting senders of mail to change the company's address is as difficult as picking up a new million dollar account.

Here's the story.

We (everyone at Watts, Payne, naturally) are now in our fourth home. I can truthfully say that we never get mail addressed to our first home. But we do get some mail addressed to our second home, and gobs of mail directed to our third office which was vacated three months ago.

It would be frightening to make an accounting of the money we have spent on postage and printing just trying to get everyone acquainted with our new address. Nearly every trick in the book has been used, but we continue to get mail addressed to 9th and Main, when the correct address is 311 W. 7th Street, Denver Build-

ing

For almost a month before our move every visitor to the office was given a little "Watts, Payne is Moving" card. M-Day minus 20 we started attaching a "moving" sticker to every letter, statement, check, and purchase order. We also carefully filled out scores of Post Office Department cards, and mailed them to publishers. We took great pains to attach to these cards old address stickers and to PRINT the correct name address in the space indicated.

Two weeks before we moved, we ran advertisements telling of the move in the daily newspapers, Chamber of Commerce Magazine and the Tulsa Advertising Federation Bulletin. A follow-up ad was run the week the actual move took place. News releases were also sent to all interested publications.

Several days before we moved the brief-case announcement was mailed to our entire list of clients, media friends, clubs, associations, etc. This should have been enough, but we knew better. When the big day came, everything got moved . . . except our mail!

We were determined not to let this thing get us down. Problems in the advertising business are routine. Our

plans, which were laid several months before the move, were continued, regardless of cost.

Every piece of mail was carefully screened. Each envelope that contained the old address was quickly mailed back to the sender with the new location clearly shown. With the envelope we sent a sassy letter in one last attempt to get the address changed. Someone walked by the old office every day to see if any mail had been left there by mistake. So, you see, no stone was left unturned.

As sometimes happens, we had placed a big order for letterheads, statements and envelopes, just before we signed the new lease. This did not disturb us at all. Here was another opportunity to merchandise our move and add another push to getting our new address known. By using the clever (well, we thought so) cartoon drawing overprinting the old address, we came up with an eye-catching change of address idea. One person didn't like our "NEW" letterheads. It wasn't dignified, he told us, We haven't even used our NEW letterheads, vet, man. Wait until he sees them! They're ritzy as all getout.

As successful as this little program has been, we need some more suggestions. About 10% of those who send us literature on a regular basis apparently don't read our mail. Should we read theirs? How can we let them know we have moved? Should we pay for postage-due mail which is incorrectly addressed? How about sending collect telegrams to those who won't change their mailing list? This idea wouldn't apply to clients, of course! What do we do about the person who wrote us a letter telling how clever the briefcase mailing was, then addressed the envelope to the OLD address?

The only good solution we have is this. Don't ever move! •



Cards like this were given to all visitors. Stickers were used on letters, statements, checks and purchase orders.



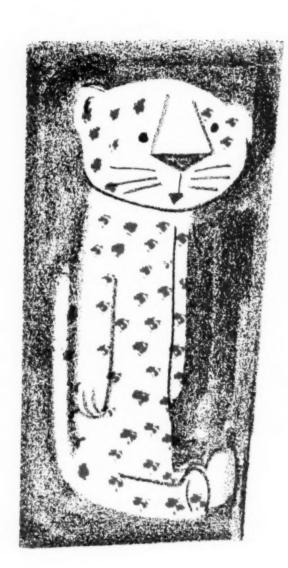




Reporter's Note: Les Hauger won't be satisfied with anything short of a 100% return with his Project M. Maybe you can help. At any rate, you'll enjoy this report of an all-out campaign to register a new address. Les started out in retailing. Found that work too hard so switched to advertising (imagine!) Has been with present agency going on 18 years. He's past president of Tulsa Ad Club, and now is 2nd Lt. Governor - 10th District Advertising Federation of America. If you can help Les, drop him a line in Tulsa at 9th and Main . . . oops! New address is . . . 311 West 7th Street, Denver Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma.



HOW TO CHANGE A LEOPARD'S SPOTS!





When it comes to colored paper, why assume "the leopard can't change his spots"? Don't be bound by the white paper habit...color printing on white paper is good, but color on colored paper is much more effective, especially for increasing direct mail returns.

Allied's New And Different Colorcraft Line of papers, matching envelopes, reply cards, and ink recommendations is specifically designed to get results. It's distinctive *Impulse* and *Influence* colors have been styled and researched by Faber Birren, noted color authority, to stimulate action...to create a mood...to get more direct mail returns!

Impulse colors are bright and vibrant. They incite reader-action and response. Colorcraft Impulse was

created for mass market direct mail selling where big returns are desired.

Influence colors are subtle, yet appealing. They're styled to create an impression or mood...to create a feeling of prestige, of richness. Colorcraft Influence stimulates a favorable mental reaction about the product and company.

Remember, this is an age of color. Everywhere, everyone is breaking the white habit...in appliances, in bedding and linens, in soaps, in all areas. Why not in paper, too?

Make your direct mail more attention-getting, more effective. Use Allied's New Colorcraft *Impulse* and *Influence* Colored Paper Line.

Write or call Allied today for full details on how to "change your leopard's spots" with Colorcraft ... the only color researched paper.

Impulse Colors: Flame Pink • Sulphur Yellow • Pumpkin • Summer Green • Indigo

Influence Colors: Sandstone • Rosewood • Smoketone Blue • Aspen Green • Buckskin

Paper Stock—both bond and uncoated offset grades in popular sizes and weights.

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Card & Cover Stock—in Sulphur Yellow, Pumpkin and Flame Pink only—125 lb.

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We enjoyed reading a six page report of a direct mail clinic in the July issue of *The Hotel Monthly*, published by Clissold Publishing Co., 105 W. Adams St., Chicago 3. Illinois The clinic was part of Illinois regional workshop on Hotel Advertising and Sales. Panel members were Howard Gardner, partner, Gardner and Stein Advertising Agency: Oscar E. Palmquist, vice president of Buckley Dement Advertising Corporation, Harry Thorsen, vice president, Redson-Rice Corporation and Roy Rylander, president, Rylander Company.

We got a chuckle out of this part of Chairman Gardner's introduction:

We have taken direct mail out of the more general discussions of advertising media for hotels because we feel that it has a special place of importance in the hotel field.

Almost every hotel, motel or resort is up to its ears in direct mail. All too often, however, the direct mail is handled in a catch-as-catch-can basis. All too often someone will decide, "Well, let's take the first 10 pages of the telephone book, write some copy after business hours, have it mimeographed and then we'll have the night clerk address some envelopes in his spare time and get out the mailing." Further, sometimes the mailing list is even decided upon after the letter has been prepared, which, of course, leaves something to be desired.

Now, in discussing direct mail here, we felt that a program of this nature is some-

what like making love, in that it is a lot more fun to participate in than to just sit by and watch.

Therefore, it is for that reason that we have devised a quiz which we are going to ask you folks to take.

The chairman then gave the group twenty questions or true-or-false statements.

After the members of audience wrote their own answers . . . members of the panel tried to give their own versions. As would be expected, on some of the questions the panelists did not agree.

For the record, and for your entertainment, we'll reproduce the questions, without giving the answers. Have your own quiz program.

After debate on these questions had ended . . . the audience began throwing additional questions at the panel. No fist fights developed but the arguments definitely proved that direct mail has become increasingly important in the hotel field. And most everyone connected with it wants to know the best ways to put direct mail to work effectively. To many of the questions . . . there are no pat answers. Only time and experience can point to the best way for each individual situation.

- If you want to cover a geographic area thoroughly with your hotel advertising, direct mail is the best medium.
- If you want to pin-point prospective guests, direct mail is the best advertising medium.
- 3. Your best sources of prospective guests are specially compiled lists.
- Good lists of guest prospects can normally be compiled from telephone directories.
- 5. Mailing lists are perishable. Do you think the average year's change in mailing lists would be 5%, 10%, 20%.
- 6. In testing mailing lists of prospective guests, what quantities would constitute effective tests on the following lists— 10,000, 25,000, 50,000?
- 7. In a series of promotional mailings (whether to past guests, individual guest prospects or group business prospects) interest and attention will generally be increased if the over-all period of the mailing is condensed and the mailing dates spaced closer together.
 - 8. Do follow-up mailings pay?
- Format. The cost of sending a circular with a letter is not usually worthwhile in terms of additional reader interest.
- Quality factors being equal, form letters normally will attract more interest and attention than circulars.
- 11. It is a cardinal principle among direct mail authorities that lengthy letters always should be written on two separate pages rather than on both sides of a single page.
- Odd-size envelopes make little difference in attracting interest and attention to mailing.
- 13. Copy is the single most important element of direct mail.
- 14. Window envelopes normally attract more attention than closed-face envelopes.
- 15. A sloppy, careless or unmatched filled-in name and address on letter is worse than no fill-in at all.
- 16. Proper teaser copy on an envelope has the power to boost interest and attention.
- Handwritten postscripts at the end of a sales letter tend to boost the letter's attention and interest value.
- 18. Hand addressing of envelopes will attract greater interest and attention than typed addresses, stencilled addresses, addressed labels or any other method of addressing.
- 19. First class mail would ordinarily attract greater interest and attention than third class mail.
- Check below the components of an "ideal" mailing on the basis of your own sales promotion problems—self mailer folder, one-color brochure, two-color brochure, four-color brochure, letter, reply card, postage-paid reply card, return envelope, postage-paid return envelope, outside envelope.

miniature DONKEY FARM KNOWS HOW TO ANSWER INQUIRIES

When Jack Leslie of Leslie Creations, Lafayette Hill, Pa., told us that miniature live donkeys were being sold effectively by direct mail... we didn't believe it. But subsequent correspondence confirmed Jack's report.

You can buy a genuine pedigreed miniature Mediterranean Donkey for from \$500 to \$2,000 . . . sight unseen but fully guaranteed. If you don't believe it, write to Daniel Langfeld, Srat the Danby Farm, Millard, Nebraska. (Mail and office address: 1108 Jackson St., Omaha 2, Nebr.

The farm is the family residence of Daniel and Beatrice Langfeld. They also raise and sell pedigreed Shetland Ponies. In addition, the Langfelds publish Pony Record magazine, which is the official publication of the Shetland Pony Identification Bureau, Inc. Tied in with that operation are a number of mail order items, such as breeding books and products and tools used in animal husbandry, like lip tatooing instruments and supplies.

We asked Daniel Langfeld how in the world he ever decided to raise and sell the miniature Mediterranean Donkeys. His reply was that he and his wife just love the lovable little rascals and are satisfied if the enterprise is self-supporting.

To get inquiries, the Langfelds insert handsome space ads in a number of quality consumer media . . . to reach people with large estates.

Those who respond to the ads receive a most complete and impressive mailing piece. It is a pocket type, fourpage folder. Front is a full-bleed picture of part of the donkey stables. Inside cover pockets contain nine actual glossy photographs of the little donkeys and their daily doings. Included is one picture of the special pullman crates in which they are shipped to new owners. Picture captions emphasize how gentle these 32" to 37" high creatures are as children's pets.

Stapled to third page of answering portfolio is a personal typewritten letter from the owner.

Under the letter, you find a cover sheet which reads: "Danby Farm presents this information because you asked for it." Then follows photostat of registration forms and several multigraphed sheets giving detailed information about sources, breeding care, life expectancy of these little animals, which originated in the Mediterranean Islands of Sicily and Sardinia.

It is a most effective sales presentation. If the prospect actually wants a Miniature Donkey he knows exactly how to get it from a completely reliable source. The Reporter is glad to add this to the archives of unusual mail order case histories.

STATE TAXING POWERS ON MAIL ORDER

If you are confused about the new Public Law 86-272, which supposedly limits the power of individual states to tax interstate business . . . there are a lot of people in the same boat. After reading all the reports, it seems that even the members of Congress who passed the bill were confused too.

The present law approved last September gives only temporary relief to some of the practices which were threatening mail order operators. Part of the enactment specifies that the whole subject is to be reviewed by both Houses of Congress . . . with final reports to be submitted on or before July 1, 1962. Those most seriously affected should be ready for hearings before that time.

The best reports we've seen on the situation are: 1) A newsletter to clients of Byrnes & Baker (certified public accountants), Garden City Park, N. Y. and Westfield, N. J. This short review is in easily understood language. 2) "A Law Department



Handsome portfolio is used to answer magazine advertising inquiries. Personally typed letter explains the sheaf of animal particulars. On left, captioned photographs show donkeys is various stages of training. Nothing left unanswered.

Memo" from the National Association of Manufacturers, 918 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C. This is a most complete analysis and reproduces the law itself. You should get copies of both reports.

Briefly: The law prohibits individual states from taxing the net income on transactions made within the state where the only activity is the taking of an order, and where the out-of-state (foreign) company or individual does not maintain an office or warehouse, but fills the order from another state. The law seems to cover only tangible property and it relates to net income rather than sales . . . so there will be constant confusion on these points. For example, will it cover sales of life insurance policies by mail? A policy could be interpreted as tangible property. Will the states find a loophole and try to collect sales or use taxes rather than on net income?

This whole problem has been getting more serious . . . as more and more states tried to assess sales taxes on mail order shipments. One correspondent to The Reporter wrote:

It is quite ironical that we in this country seem to be building barriers between our states when it comes to doing business with each other, whereas Europe is doing its best to establish a common market and tear down the barriers between countries there. Some day some organization (I hope it is the Direct Mail Advertising Association) is going to put on a big public relations program for the express purpose of pointing out the importance of doing business freely across the state lines in this country. Without such freedom to do business across state lines, we will eventually degenerate into fifty independent countries, rather than remaining one United States."

The Reporter will keep its editorial eye on the situation . . . but in the meantime, you folks who are affected should be talking to your congressional representatives and your attornevs.

35,000 NAMES PER HOUR

Esquire used to address their labeling strip at the rate of 3,000 per hour by metal plates. They switched to punched cards and output was increased to 7,000 names per hour. Then two years ago, they decided to switch to electronic tape. Now their dick strip, i.e., labeling strip, is ad-



Elsie hails from Africa where the biggest elephants live. Six tons of brawn and notice how easily she handles that huge load. But Elsie is furious she has heard that she is going to be replaced with a mechanical fork lift!

W. E. ANDERSON LTD. found out long ago that old fashioned methods don't pay anyone and sold their elephants to pull trams in Wellington.

Since 1868 W. E. ANDERSON has been a name synonomous with carrying. In 1958 there is no better service available for general carrying, customs clearance and furniture removals. In fact, whether your problem be airfreight or storage - you name it, ANDERSON'S can handle it or arrange it.

Simply phone 43-079 and we'll see that you are given courteous, efficient and cheerful service.

Be like our friend Elsie - she never forgets - and remember that ANDERSON'S, the old firm with modern ideas, will welcome your enquiry.

Cordially.

W. E. ANDERSON LTD.

P.S. Elsie has a girl-friend - we'll tell you about her soon.

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ANIMALS PROMOTE NEW ZEALAND TRUCKER

We enjoyed studying a seven-piece direct mail campaign prepared for a trucking company client by Reporter readers at Mail Advertising Services Ltd., 54 Federal St., Auckland, New Zealand. The seven pieces for W. E. Anderson Ltd. (transport and customs clearing) prove beyond a doubt that creativity and cleverness in direct mail is not limited to the shores of the USA. Each piece carries a cartoon at top featuring one subject from the animal kingdom associated with transport or traveling ... elephant, kankaroo, tortoise, bee, stallion, camel and pigeon. Company letterhead at bottom of sheet.

Although all pieces were printed

in one color, the color of paper stock was changed for each mailing. Good copy tie-in for each. In the case of last mailing with Percy the Pigeon cartoon...letters were mailed from the Island of Fiji, with envelope bearing Fijian stamp and wording, "Greetings from Fiji."

The folks at Auckland report that they have a limited supply of extra sets which can be sent to Reporter readers who request them. Says Frieda Maelz, assistant to the manager: "As we frequently write to the source of supply mentioned in your short notes, it is a gratifying change for us to be able to offer something

ourselves." •

dressed at the rate of 35,000 names per hour.

These statistics were revealed to members of the Hundred Million Club at their November meeting at the Sheraton East in New York. Joseph Arnstein, Esquire's vice president for circulation, was guest speaker.

The change to tape, Mr. Arnstein related, was necessitated by fast expanding circulation that was quickly outpacing inadequate addressing methods. When the magazine was using metal plates, circulation was 1.300,000. It's now over 3,000,000.

The electronic tape system briefly works like this: Information from the punched data cards is fed into an electronic computer which transfers the information into a very small segment of tape. The completed tape is fed into an Addressograph-Multigraph multi-stylus serial printer which prints the information onto the addressing label strip.

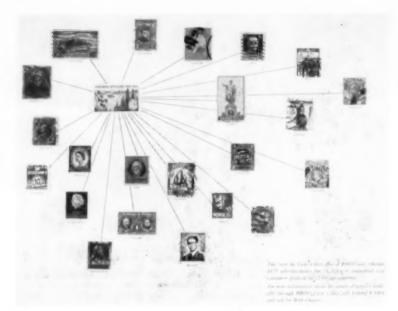
The user can be highly selective when using the master tape. He can select any number of different groups and isolate them onto smaller tapes. The master is run through the machine, and computer selects the predetermined names, transferring them to the smaller tapes. The master tape is never broken and remains intact throughout. Space requirements are only 20% of those needed for punch cards.

Mr. Arnstein was quick to admit that this electronic tape system is practical only for the largest mailers, due to large outlay for equipment and the trained personnel needed to run it. However, he suggests that several small publishers might easily combine their efforts to realize the economy afforded by the system.

Esquire isn't the only publisher using electronic tape. The Meredith Publishing Company of Des Moines, Iowa, also employ this method in processing their 6,000,000 subscribers to Better Homes & Gardens and Successful Farming. Previously Meredith was faced with a monthly moving problem of 80,000 pounds of IBM card cabinets (800 lbs. apiece) moving them down four stories in their old building. Now they have only the few small reels of tape to take to the plant.

"Well, doctor, was my operation a suc-

"Who's a doctor? I'm St. Peter."
From: The Wheelco Whistle, house magazine of The Wheeling Machine Products Co., Wheeling, W. Va.



This "Around-The-World" postage stamp promotion produced for the Twin Cities office the agency, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne, is one of a series . . . each piece reflecting a specific phase of the business. They've been mailing pieces like this to 120 advertising managers and key executives in Twin Cities' firms for quite some time.

But producing this 11" x 14" Kromekote piece to dramatize the agency's international operations presented some unusual problems:

3,450 individual postage stamps had to be tipped on by hand.

It required the services of every stamp dealer in Minneapolis to fill their requirements. Hawaii and Puerto Rico had them stumped for awhile. As U. S. possessions, they do not issue their own stamps. Then a philatelist friend recalled a 1938 commemorative series of U. S. stamps that included the two territories. They were able to scrounge up enough of these 20-year-old stamps to do the job.

Most difficult stamps to secure were Panama and Singapore. They believe they cleaned out the Minneapolis supplies for those two countries. In fact, they weren't able to obtain enough "used" stamps, and had to buy some of them new—which proved to be almost as difficult as finding the cancelled stamps.

Finally... one dealer, in checking through the order he was filling for them, discovered one stamp valued at "over \$45.00." Although he pulled this one out, we wonder now if any such others slipped through!

DMAA PHARMACEUTICAL WORKSHOP

Maybe Johnnie can't read, but doctors can—and do—according to Peter Toso of Daniel Starch and Staff. In a short but powerful address before pharmaceutical mailers at the DMAA Workshop, November 10th at the Plaza, Mr. Toso stated that Starch research has discovered that 70-75% of doctors handle mail and a good part of it is read.

The Starch firm, which has researched magazine readership by leading the interviewee through the book ad by ad and noting his recognition, have developed a similar test for direct mail advertising. Doctor is shown all pieces he received in the previous month and is graded on each one as to whether he saw ad, whether he remembers product, or whether he read at least half the copy.

Some statistics discovered by Starch:

a) Self mailers made impression on 40% of doctors and some part was read by 30%
 b) Envelope mailing made impression on 45% and some part was read by 35%

c) Sample mailing was remembered by 60% and some part was read by 50%.

One individual piece (not a sample) was read by 80% of the doctors: another by only 20%.

Mr. Toso's speech was followed by a round table discussion on various phases of mail marketing.

The morning session featured ad-

dresses by Harry Knox of Medical Promotion Records Inc.; Dean L. Burdick of Burdick and Becker Inc.; and John W. Eckman, VP, Thomas Leeming & Company and president of Pharmaceutical Advertising Club.

Luncheon address was given by Ed Mayer of McCann-Erickson, who discussed What's Ahead in Advertising. Ed predicted that in the next decade, the growth in national output should equal the entire output of the past 25 years, and that advertisers had better be ready to meet the challenge. ●

QUOTES FOR BEN FRANKLIN CELEBRATIONS

During January, printing groups throughout the country will hold many meetings celebrating the birthday of their patron saint, Benjamin Franklin. This is an appropriate time to print some of the quotations we dug up a few years back which tie in with some of the things we preach today about direct mail. (Franklin quotes are in italics.)

There are two obstacles to the success of any mail solicitation: (1) Human inertia (laziness). There are lazy minds as well as lazy bodies. Sloth makes all things difficult. (2) Competition for attention or money. He who buys had need have 100 eyes, but one's enough for him that sells the stuff.

People think they think, but very few really think. People buy because of what they feel about a product or service or organization. Would you persuade, speak of interest, not of reason.

The four basic faults in most business letters and direct mail copy: (1) Useless and unnecessary words and phrases. He that speaks much is much mistaken. The learned fool writes his nonsense in better language than the unlearned, but still 'tis nonsense. (2) Improper arrangement of words and phrases. A good word for a bad one is worth much and costs little. (3) Incorrect expression of thought. Better slip with foot than tongue. Many a man's own tongue gives evidence against his understanding. (4) Offensive and displeasing words and phrases (I. we, our, my, mine, us and opinionated "that" phrases). Tart words make no friends. A spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a gallon of vinegar. A man without modesty is lost to all sense of honor and virtue.

Best formula for writing section-pulling copy: Picture, Promise, Prove, Push. (1) Picture: the benefits to evoke desire. Affected superiority mars good fellowship. (2) Promise: definition of offer to fulfill picture. It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright. (3) Prove: with testimonials, endorsements, statement of value. A good example is the best sermon. Promises may get thee friends, but non-performance will turn them into enemies. (4) Push: the action closer, then stop. At a great bargain pause auchile.

About the selling points publicized by Elmer Wheeler: (1) Sell the sizzle, not the steak. What signifies knowing the names, if you know not the nature of things. (2) Don't write, telegraph. You may talk too much on the best of subjects. (3) Watch your bark! Be kind and considerate. There's small revenge in words, but words may be greatly revenged. (4) Say it with flowers. Flatter the hero of your letter, the recipient, not yourself. He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals. (5) Don't ask if, ask which. (Ed. note: Couldn't find a Franklin quotation for this. There must be one. Anyone know?)

But on the subject of continuity and building a reputation, Franklin said: "If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth writing about."

Although after-luncheon and dinner speeches came along after Franklin's time, he must have foreseen the problems when he wrote: "The full belly hates thinking as well as acting."

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE BIG BUSINESS

This year, 12,490,000 shareowners are going to receive 55,000,000 annual reports . . . that will probably cost around \$25,000,000 to produce. (These are Mead's figures, derived by multiplying 12,490,000 by the statistical average number of stocks each shareholder is reported to own (4 +). Number was rounded to 55,000,000 for convenience sake. Average cost per report was probably close to 45¢.)

2500 of these annual reports are currently catalogued at Mead Paper Company's *Library of Ideas*, located



at Mead's offices, 230 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. The reports are from most of the large industries in the USA, and represent a wide variety of paper stock, size, shapes, inks, and format.

The annual report is a prime consideration on the public relations program of any corporation. Through this report, many stockholders get their only impression of the company, what it is, what it is doing for them. No wonder then most corporations go to great trouble and expense in preparation of annuals.

The 2,500 annual reports were on display at the library during September and October. 3200 executives of major firms were invited to attend. A simple postcard was mailed late in August. And by the close of the exhibit on October 30, nearly 200 had come to see the no-admission display.

Originated three years ago, the Library of Ideas is a Mead service to anyone who wants to see or study the various techniques and formats used in printed matter. Executives, art directors, production men and many more use the library when planning a promotion. 40,000 separate pieces are catalogued at the library, ranging from blotters and book jackets up to yearbooks and record album covers. These are classified under industry, too . . . dozens of categories from air conditioning to vachting. The annual reports are only a small part of their operation.

At this time, and until December 31st, Mead is exhibiting their Graphics of Travel display, featuring all types of printed matter used by steamship, air, train and bus lines, restaurants and hotels, travel agencies and chambers of commerce. Following this will be Papers of the World in January-February, then a pharmaceutical display, and later in the spring, an exhibition of house magazines printed in this country.

The library is open Monday through Friday from 9:00-5:30. You'll be most welcome, and I think you'll find it very interesting. ●

UPGRADING LETTER COPY

by Paul J. Bringe

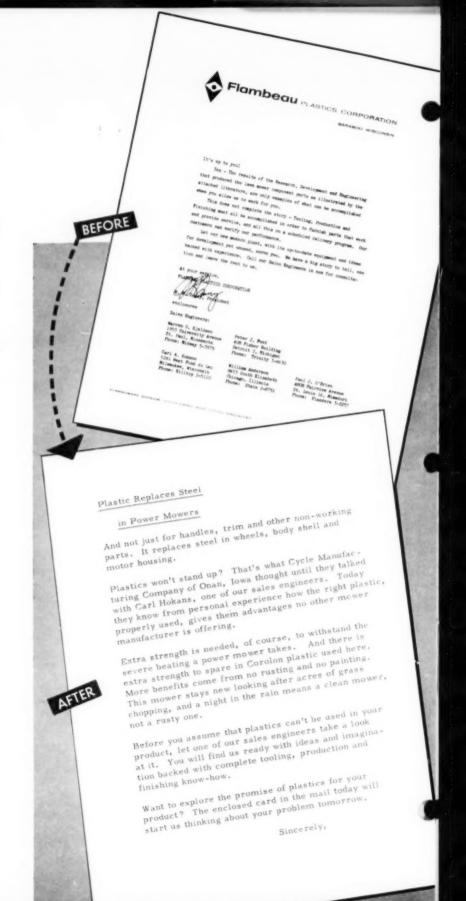
Telling your reader what you have done for others, the case history technique, makes a strong sales story. Every business man is interested in success stories, particularly when they concern his field of activity. There is no more certain way of holding a prospect's attention than to tell him what others are doing that could be useful to him.

But, and there is always a but, your reader wants an interesting story showing him how he can benefit from the experience of the other fellow. He cannot care about your product or service until he transfers the case history experience to his own operation. For most people this is not easy. To help your reader see himself in the picture you must fill in the details, give him a complete story and spell out the benefits. Imagination is a rare talent — you will be safe if you assume your reader has very little.

The Flambeau Plastics letter does not tell enough about the application to hold the reader's interest. It does little more than refer to the enclosed literature before it begins talking about how good we are and what a big plant we have. Notice the capitalization of the words Research, Development, Engineering, Tooling, Production and Finishing. It is said every letter reveals the writer and here is a demonstration of it. The writer of this letter is an engineer who thinks first in terms of these words. He thinks physical facilities are important, and they are, but they are not unique with this manufacturer. Hundreds of other plants can offer the same.

What the reader looks for is creative ideas to help him sell his products. When he is satisfied that you can offer him semething his competitor does not have he will assume you have the physical plant to back it up. Meanwhile talk about Tooling and Modern Plant is much too generalized to spark his interest. It is akin to a prospective salesman saying he dresses well, has a diploma and speaks proper English. Who doesn't?

The rewrite talks about the plastic application in specific terms. It says this strength, color and rust resistance can be used in your product.



Everyone knows power mowers take a beating and if this plastic can take it, surely it will work in your product also. Notice the name and location of the customer is mentioned and the name of the salesman. This is to make the story real to the reader. Have you ever noticed how an anecdote gains credibility when you are told it happened to President Coolidge or some other well known person? The "once upon a time there was a prince . . ." approach is convincing only to children. Adults want to know who, where and when.

The fourth paragraph of the rewrite anticipates one of the reader's possible objections and uses it as a mild challenge — tries to plant a doubt in his mind to make it just a little more difficult for him to do nothing. Latch on to your reader's doubts about himself and you have gained another salesman. Your reader's thinking habits, his prejudices and enthusiasms can be put to work for you. Ignore them and you may as well save your postage.

BEGINNING OF END DEPARTMENT

Some of our correspondents (who sent samples) will be glad to know that two more of those deceptive skiptracing outfits have been cited by the Federal Trade Commission. Strangely . . . one of the principals of the Action for Creditors, Inc., Washington, D. C. is the same man who was closed up six or so months ago for operating a similar outfit in New Jersey. They never seem to learn. Understand, we have no sympathy for deadbeats, but the FTC and most direct mail people view with alarm the deceptive tactics of the slick tracers whose literature would cause most people to believe they are part of the U.S. Government. One recipient of their sales appeal (to creditors) actually thought the government had instituted a Gestapo-type investigating and collection bureau. One thing we cannot understand: Why does the Post Office Department give these new promoters permits for business reply mail, third class bulk and postage meter indicia, when they know that all similar outfits have been closed through action of the FTC? Obvious misrepresentation by mail should be just as abhorrent to the Post Office as it is to the FTC and the DMAA . . . before as well as after the commission of the net.

THE TALE OF THE WISE CHINAMAN

The Avion Division of ACF Industries, Inc., 11 Park Place, Paramus, N. J. used an interesting Chinese fable as their focal point for a folder advertising their data processing services. The 4½" x 7", 8-page booklet had a sketch of a funny-looking hand on the cover with a title "This is a Hand." The next two inside pages show the hand again and emphasize "It is a very special hand, for you see this hand has 6 fingers and thereby hangs a tale." The center spread has the tale of the wise Chinaman, which we will reprint here for your amusement:

A wise man of ancient China was noted for his wisdom and ability to solve problems. One day a merchant came to him seeking advice.

It seems that the merchant had a prob-

lem in his accounting department.
"I have 6 men and 6 abacuses (abaci, if you are a purist) but my needs have expanded to the point where I need a 20% increase in output but cannot afford the capital investment of another man and another abacus and, even if I could, one man would not be enough and two men would be too much."

The wise man pondered the problem for several days and finally summoned the merchant.

The merchant listened to the wise man. "The solution to your problem is simple. Each of your present accounting staff must grow another finger on each hand and thereafter you must hire only twelvefingered men to replace them. This will increase your abacus output exactly 20% and will solve your problem."

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Like modern structures designed for a fast moving world, Mackinac Job-Ready Business Papers are designed for fast, efficient production on modern printing and duplicating equipment operating at high speeds.

Mackinac Job-Ready Business Papers are manufactured from 100% bleached chemical wood pulp and tub sized to insure quality and uniformity. Each grade is especially prepared for the process for which it is designed, with a surface prepared for excellent ink reception. Precision cut at the mill to sizes 8½" x 11" and 8½" x 14", available in white and six bright colors.

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The merchant smiled, his problem was

solved, he started to leave, paused a moment and looked at the wise old man. "Oh, Wise One," he said, "You have truly given me the solution to my problem but"...he paused... "How do I get my people to grow extra fingers?"

The vice man profied on his pice "That."

The wise man puffed on his pipe, "That is a good question, but alas I only make policy recommendations, the details are up to you."

The final three pages leading from last line of spread are an appeal for inquiries rather than an explanation of the data processing services available from Avion. "If your problem is specialized . . . see Avion for a practical solution." The booklet is being distributed as a direct mailing piece, as a trade show giveaway and as a salesman's handout. According to John Fournier, manager of advertising sales promotion, this semiteaser technique has brought a most satisfactory response. We think it is extremely well done.

SHOULD YOU USE **COLORED ENVELOPES?**

H. J. Morton, Jr., of Ditto, Inc., reports that his company recently ordered envelopes in five colors; blue, goldenrod, yellow, green, pink. These were printed in color combinations of magenta and green. A mailing of 37,000 letters tested these five colors against the white envelopes which the company had always used before for return envelopes.

Results: with about three-fourths of the inquiries in, the following percentages were tabulated:

Envelope Color	% of Returns
White	3.1%
Blue	7.8
Goldenrod	6.4
Yellow	6.8
Pink	5.8
Green	6.0

Conclusion: "Blue envelopes produced more than twice as many inquiries as were produced by white envelopes," said Mr. Morton. "As far as we're concerned, this is ample proof that colored envelopes are more effective than white envelopes."

Reporter's Note: We spotted this test report in "Between Calls," house magazine of Stanford Paper Co., 3001 V St., NE, Washington 18, D. C. Original source was credited "Postage Economies and Mailing Meth-" published by The Standard Envelope Mfg. Co. We are always skeptical of color rests . . whether one color is better than another. That is, whether as in this case blue was better than pink. Another test might reverse the close figures. But every test does seem to indicate that colored return envelopes are better than white. No one has ever come up with a logical reason why. .

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Who's doing what in your organization? New job? New Promotion? Industry Awards? Or interesting personal news on the human side? No matter what they're doing, we'd like to include them in this monthly roundup of . . . "Names In The News"

FRANCIS "ANDY" ANDREWS, newly elected international president of MASA. appeared before the November 10th dinner meeting of the New York City MASA and discussed and showed actual samples of famous campaigns by leading lettershops throughout the country. . . Vice president ROBERT BLUM, Blum's Direct Advertising Agency, San Francisco and Los Angeles, announced the appointment of STAN STANISLAUS as sales manager, southern California division. . . JAMES A. FARLEY, former Postmaster General of the United States, has been named General Chairman of the 56th Annual Convention of the AFA. The 1960 meeting. June 5 through 9, at Hotel Astor, New York City. . . . ROBERT FENTON, formerly handling circulation for the Street & Smith Publications, has been appointed assistant circulation director of The Conde Nast Publications, Inc. . . . FRANKLIN P. JONES, a partner in Gray & Rogers, Philadelphia and Newark advertising and public relations agency, will retire as of December 31 this year. . . . RUTH LOWEN LAGUNA has joined DMAA in charge of library. information and placement services. . . . ARTHUR B. LANGLIE, president Mc-Call Corp., has been named Chairman of the AFA's 2nd annual mid-winter Washington Conference, on Feb. 5th, at Statler-Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C. LITHOGRAPHERS & PRINTERS NATIONAL ASSN., 597 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. invites entries in the 10th Anniversary Lithographic Awards Competition & Exhibit. Closes January 18, 1960. . . . HENRY CABOT LODGE, United States Representative to the United Nations, will receive the Franklin Award of the New York Employing Printers Assn. and address the annual Printing Week Dinner on Monday, January 18, 1960 in the Hotel Commodore, New York. . . . H. G. (HANK) LOUDENBACK, formerly with The National Management Assn. to Huffman Mfg. Co., Dayton, Ohio as advertising and sales promotion manager. . . . JAMES V. LYONS now vice president in charge of production, and DERRY F. DALY, now vice president and creative director of O. E. McIntyre.

Inc., Westbury, L. I., N. Y. . . . LEON-ARD A. PARIS, editor of Monsanto Magazine, hm of Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo. received award for editing the "Best Industrial Publication of 1958" at the Southern Editors Institute, held at Un. of Georgia. . . . DuPont advertising manager, JOHN E. SLY named chairman of Programs for the 1960 General Conference of the Assn. of Industrial Advertisers, to be held June 5-8, in Washington, D. C. . . . J. B. WARD, president, Addressograph-Multigraph announced that B. J. STONE, executive vice president, has been elected to membership of the Board of Directors. . . . On November 2nd, the Advertising Federation of America opened its new, permanent quarters at 1145 19th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. Donald J. Wilkins, Vice President and Manager. . . First official meeting of DIRECT MAIL CLUB OF DETROIT held November 17th, Fort Shelby Hotel. "Red" Dembner of NEWSWEEK featured speaker. JERRY SKLAR, of Michigan Adv. Distributing Co., is temporary president. Second meeting will be at Fort Shelby Hotel, Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th at 6:30 P.M. . . . M. W. (Finkie) FINKENBINDER of St. Louis will tell Mail Box Sales Club of Indianapolis to "Be Open-Minded - Communicate" at December 2nd meeting. Hotel Warren, 12:00 noon. . . . Featured speakers at the November 18th joint dinner-meeting of the DMAA of Greater Miami (Fla.) and The Ad Club were Ferd Ziegler, Gifford Booth, Jr., "Red" Dembner and Ferd Nauheim. . . . TOM CONNELLY talked about "Printing as Applied to Direct Mail Advertising" at the November 12th meeting of the Philadelphia Direct Mail Club. . . KURT VAHLE, vice president, Cupples-Hesse (envelopes) St. Louis, Mo. at the November 11th meeting of The Mail Advertising Club of Chicago discussed ways of using color to increase returns. . . Death claimed three well known men in the direct mail field during November, A. M. Andersen, Reuben H. Donnelley Corp., Chicago, Ill. L. B. Whitehouse, Morton Mfg. Company. Lynchburg, Va. and Maxwell Droke. Indianapolis, Indiana.

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A Reader Writes

Dear Mr. Reed:

I read your column in August Direct Mail, and I must say your viewpoint comes through loud and clear unlike many other "instructive" col-

umns on direct mail copy.

The thing that impressed me most is how little you are impressed by the overly unctious and "best of all possible worlds" type of letters that we see so much of. The point being that the average reader, in your view, is far too intelligent to be taken in by them and in fact resents the slight to his intelligence. This being the case, where does the middle ground lie? Obviously a bland letter stating only facts will not move goods but at least a negative reaction is avoided in this case.

In a recent direct mail approach of ours, we have used a Hooven letter as a trade show follow-up directed at Electronic Cooperative Managers. The purpose of this mailing was to induce these executives to write for our catalog as a preliminary step in the sales process—paving the way for a sales call. I have enclosed a copy of the letter and would like your opinion as to where we fall between these two points on the pendulum, and also I would like your comments as to the effectiveness of this type of an operation.

I hope I am not overburdening you with extra work and I certainly can understand if you are too busy to give me a complete answer to this problem. In any case, I certainly will look forward to reading your future columns in Direct Mail.

Cordially yours, (name withheld)

The Letter

Dear Mr. Jones:

We have recently published our

1959-1960 edition of our catalog of electrical distribution equipment. Among the new product developments you will find many ideally suited for the needs of the REA market.

Early this year, at our exhibit at the NRECA convention, we displayed many of these new devices, includ-

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As you probably know, this equipment was among the first installed on REA lines and through the years has earned high regard for dependability and performance backed by sixty years of electrical know-how.

We have provided a self-addressed post card for your convenience.

Just send us your name, address and title, we will see that you get our catalog by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

My Reply

Dear Mr. Brown:

Yes, I do feel the average reader is far too intelligent to be taken in by "overly unctious" promotion letters. And I agree with you there is a "middle ground" between the bland statement of fact and the overly unctious letter. That middle ground is found in combining fact with enthusiasm and, above all, talking more about the reader's wants, desires, needs — and fitting your product or service into those wants, desires and needs.

Now to your letter. You start out talking about yourself. You know that isn't good.

You should start out thanking the prospect for visiting your display at the Electric Cooperative Managers show. Get over to him the idea that he has shown he's interested in new things, progressive ideas, by the very fact that he visited your display. After you have established this empathy, then go on to talk to him about his interests, his needs, and why and how the catalog you are offering will be of help to him.

In fact, if you will read the paragraph beginning "Because of the interest shown . . ." you'll realize it has the elements of a good first paragraph. But it should be twisted around to talk less about you and more about the prospect.

I have underscored references you make to yourself. To those of us who make our living writing promotion letters this is known as a "we-we" letter.

One more point. This letter is supposed to sound as though it had been dictated inasmuch as you are reproducing it on an electric typewriter. As I get it, you are addressing this letter to the name of an individual. Yet in the last paragraph you place a little burden on the man to whom you are writing — make it slightly difficult for him to ask you for a catalog when you ask him to "just send us your name, address and title . . ."

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I certinly hope this brass knuckle approach hasn't made you fighting mad. I do appreciate hearing from

you.

It's people like you who take time to write who supply the ideas used in Reed-Able Copy in an attempt to upgrade direct mail copy.

Cordially yours,

A Common Error

All of you who are reading these words get letters of the "we-we" type. Such letters are written not with the conscious objective of braging, but rather because of enthusiasm for a product or a service. Unless we think what we are offering is the best, offers superior benefits, and unless we are really enthusiastic about it, chances are we won't transfer any enthusiasm for it to the person we are writing.

The next time you are faced with writing a promotion letter, give it a final brush-up—go over it carefully and eliminate all of the "we's" and "ours" you possibly can. Introduce "you" and "yours" wherever possi-

ble.

How easy it is to rewrite the last sentence in the letter quoted. It reads: "We have provided a self-addressed post card for your convenience. Just send us your name, address and title, we will see that you get our catalog by return mail."

Rewrite: "Here's a self-addressed post card for your convenience. Just send your name, address and title. This brand new 1959-1960 catalog will drop on your desk in a few days."

More

My mail indicates readers are interested in what we had to say about letter approaches in a recent issue.

Here are a few more from current direct mail.

The MISPLACED ASSUMPTION approach:

"Haven't you often wished you owned a reference tool that gave you at a glance the history of our country's business activity?"

Frankly, I have never wished for such a reference tool. I doubt very much if many people have. The overstated benefit or unbelievable flattery approach:

"Please read every word of this letter for here is the opportunity of a lifetime. You have been recommended to us as having the fine character and splendid qualities needed for an opportunity we have open . . ."

Almost every mail brings me an "opportunity of a lifetime." I'd have to be a cat to have that many lives.

The IT IS MY PRIVILEGE approach: "It is my privilege to tell you that you can now approach the forthcoming CPS examination with an immense advantage no previous candidate has ever enjoyed."

Delete the first 8 words of this lead sentence. Now, you interest me.

The HERE'S SOME DULL BACK-

GROUND approach:

"Believing in the principle that many heads are better than one, a small group of successful investoranalysts, each of us a subscriber to at least one stock service, recently got together with one express purpose in mind . . ."

Do tell! So what! How dull can

The CUTE NEGATIVE approach:

"Why don't you throw this thing away now! It can't do anything for you but make money!"

So I threw the thing away.

Speaking of Letters

A letter of resignation from a woman who had quit to have a baby. "Dear Boss: I am getting too big for this job . . ."

A bank received the following note with a final payment on an auto contract:

"Dear Sirs: This should make us even. Sincerely, but no longer, yours."

Slow me down, Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with the vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amidst the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory.

singing streams that live in my memory.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations—of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values.

-Author Unknown

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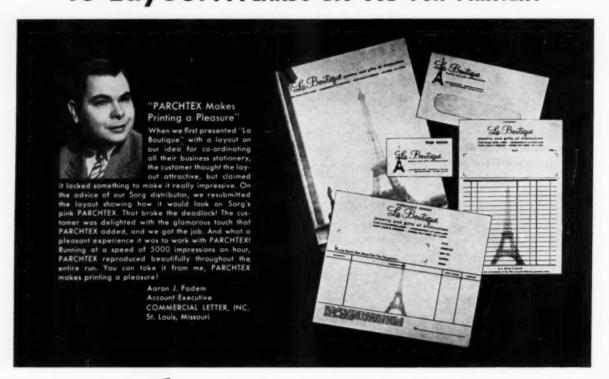
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FRONTPORCH SCUTTLEBUTT

The gist of conversation about this and that with visitors to the Editor of The Reporter

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"PEACE ON EARTH" cannot describe the situation in advertising circles . . . as we approach the Christmas Season. I suppose all of you are just as sick and tired as I am of reading and talking about the TV scandals. The revelations, have seriously hurt the prestige of advertising. We've got to face it and do what we can to help heal the scars.

During past weeks, I've talked to many people . . . non-advertisers, just plain ordinary people . . . to get their reactions. Mostly . . . they've lost faith in "advertising."

All sorts of advertising.

I try to explain that the whole field of advertising isn't bad. Only a relative few have been mixed up in the scandals. We should be proud of the thousands upon thousands of scrupulously honest firms who don't cheat in their advertising or selling. Look at the thousands of industrial advertisers and their agencies who couldn't afford to be dishonest even if they cared to. There are thousands of mail users who know that it is only good business to be honest. So let's not give up the ship and be pessimistic about the future of advertising just because of the rotten apples among the TV fast-buck boys. We have a few bad apples in direct mail. They get exposed . . . quickly.

Admittedly, the TV mess is the worst thing that has ever happened to the advertising profession. In certain quarters, advertising practitioners lost all sense of moral values. They accepted and laughed about deception.

The networks are partly to blame. They should never have relinquished their complete control over editorial material. A magazine would be in hot water if it allowed its advertisers to dictate editorial content. The networks, possibly through a reputable packager or producer, should sell a specified program (editorial) to an advertiser who thereafter won't interfere with editorial. And the network or station in turn should refuse any commercial advertising which is in bad taste . . . just as would the responsible magazine publisher.

The agencies were partly to blame. This was bound to come when agencies got into the entertainment business. They should get out of it. They should be above suspicion in counseling their clients on what medium and what

editorial atmosphere they should buy.

The one fellow I'm inclined to feel sorry for is Charles Van Doren. Of course, he shouldn't have denied the fixing. But he did come clean. He was doing a conscientious job on "Today"... helping greatly to increase interest in adult education. The public loses by Van Doren being made the publicity goat to take the heat off of network officers, packagers, fast-buck producers, agency control man and not-so-scrupulous advertisers. They all knew what was going on. All were guilty; much more guilty than the relatively innocent people who were induced to go on the rigged programs.

A tipoff on their collective guilt was the hullabaloo

over the October 27 program of the Sales Executives Club of New York. It was planned to have a session to discuss what effect the TV scandal was having on sales. Immediately, pressure was applied to have program canceled. The program chairman resigned. Two contestants scheduled as speakers withdrew after being pressured. SEC stuck to its guns and the program went on with Coty's president, Philip Cortney, as the featured speaker. He made a fine appeal for honesty in advertising . . . in an atmosphere filled with electric tension. However, the crime of the whole affair was that the guilty top brass in advertising circles tried to suppress the meeting and the truth.

Perhaps we will be better off when all the truth is known and corrective measures are taken. Many people will lose their jobs . . . not just the scapegoat, Charles Van Doren. The networks will be forced to accept mature leadership; the agencies will assume responsibility for decency in all advertising; the Federal Trade Commission will elamp down on all dishonest commercials, in case the networks do not refuse them time. Presidents of companies will be laughed out of their assumed jobs as

entertainment entrepreneurs.

Perhaps by this whole sorry mess the advertising business will be purified. It's too much to hope that it will happen quickly. It will take a lot of time and work and faith. In the meantime, those of us connected with direct mail should be darn sure that we are walking the straight line.

BEHIND THE SCENES there has been considerable discussion of what to do about H.R. 7379 which was approved by the House of Representatives during the closing days of the last session of Congress. A similar bill—S. 2562—did not come to a vote in the Senate. Direct mail people are on the fence because some parts of the bill seem good . . . others terrible.

H.R. 7379 started out to be a bill to give the Postmaster General more power to stop obscenity in the mail. At present he can impound the mail of suspected pornographic peddlers for a period of twenty days while charges are being adjudicated. This period is supposed to be too short, so the new bill increased the time limit from twenty to forty-five days. Most of us supported the

idea.

Hearings were held on H.R. 7379 in a number of cities by Congresswoman Kathryn Granahan's subcommittee of the Post Office Committee. Meanwhile, the Post Office staged its well-planned publicity campaign on the dangers of obscenity in the mail. The Associated Third Class Mail Users and the National Council of Mailing List Brokers were among the many organizations which endorsed the proposed legislation.

But somehow the original resolution suffered from lastminute amendments and it passed the House with only one dissenting voice. The fear is that it may pass the Senate in the next session because the legal minds there haven't analyzed the dangers of the amendments.

The bill as passed by the House would give the Postmaster General power to impound for 45 days all incoming mail to any person suspected of mailing obscene or fraudulent material. That is, the phrase "or fraudulent nature" was added to original wording.

In addition, the bill would establish a new concept of administrative and judicial procedure. The courts would be prohibited from overruling the Postmaster General unless it could be proved that the Postmaster General's order was issued "arbitrarily and capriciously." In other words, the burden of proof of innocence would be on the mailer rather than burden of proof of guilt on the Post Office. Many people believe this provision would be unconstitutional.

But the real problem is the addition of the fraud angle. It is all right to stop immediately the incoming profits from outright pornography if the charges can be upheld in a court appeal. But to hold up a firm's incoming mail for a week, two weeks or forty-five days on a capricious charge of fraud . . . would put most anyone out of business. It would give some Postmaster General, present or future, the power to put you out of business if he didn't like the part in your hair. Charges of fraud should be pressed only by "due process of law."

I think we all agree that the obscenity legislation is needed because of the fly-by-night characteristics of the shady operators. That condition would not apply in most fraud cases . . . those should be fought in the courts where the fight belongs.

There's one ray of hope on this subject. The Department of Justice, after studying the fraud angle and the switch on the "burden of proof," has advised the House Post Office Committee that it is unable to recommend enactment of this legislation.

There is another angle to this situation which must be considered. If the bill is changed to include only obscenity, with burden of proof on the Post Office and it becomes a law . . . the Post Office will have to guard its new powers jealously. In recent months it (through too zealous individuals) has taken some foolish actions which have backfired.

First was the banning of "Lady Chatterley's Lover," which was overruled by the courts. Then the Post Office took another licking when the Department of Justice ruled (by refusing to take action) that the Post Office had no right to bar from the mails advertisements which included a reproduction of the famous Goya painting of a reclining nude. Picture was used to promote "The Naked Maja," a rather dull movie about the life of Goya. If the Post Office should abuse new powers, it will surely get tremendous howls from the very people who are now applauding the honest effort to get rid of outright, easily-recognized pornography.

Hope this explanation of what's behind the arguments about H.R. 7379 will clarify the issue. It's a ticklish subject. We are against sin . . . but within reason.

MISCELLANEOUS CONVERSATION BITS: Enjoyed reading the 192-page Dog Scrapbook written by Reporter reader, Captain Will Judy, and published by Judy Publishing Co., Chicago 16, Ill. Price is \$3.50. The Captain was educated for the ministry but changed to law. Then in 1923 became editor of Dog World magazine and since then has gone, as he says, completely to the dogs. A world authority on the subject. § § Had an interesting time one November Sunday at the Tides Hotel at Redington Beach on a panel for a Florida Printing

Assn. meeting. Panel discussed printers' self-advertising. Lots of progress has been made in the last ten years. Ran into one printer (handicapped) who has no salesmen and cannot make calls himself, but who gets all his business from simple sales letters sent once a month to 1,800 prospects and customers in his area § § Remember how we've griped in the past about the prostitution of Christmas by the long-drawn-out promotional ballyhoo? The griping doesn't seem to do much good. Street Christmas lights were being strung long before Thanksgiving in many towns. Worst case we heard of . . . a suburban department store had its Christmas displays and decorations up on October 27. § § We still recommend that you get and play Stan Freberg's recording of "Green Christmas." A Capitol Record. Play it for your agency and merchandising friends. A terrific expose of the prostitution of Christmas. § § § Have you folks read Harry Golden's wonderful book, Only in America? Now being made into a movie. Don't miss it-either hard cover at \$4 or paperbacks at 50¢. Just a collection of short editorials which appeared in his The Carolina Israelite. Simple writing . . . with warmth, wit and wisdom. § § § Another Hoke arrived in this world on November 22 at Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N. Y. Son of Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Charles Hearn Hoke. My ninth grandchild. Score: five boys, four girls. Father in same hospital recovering from lung surgery. Plenty of excitement and problems for nearby Pete and Demi in Garden City. § § § Had a fast trip over to east coast of Florida on November 18 to attend joint meeting of Miami Ad Club and Miami Direct Mail Club at McAllister Hotel. Big turnout. Eleven members of DMAA board present plus President Bob DeLay and assistant, Herb Rohrback. Four directors spoke . . . followed by a hot question-and-answer session on agency charges for direct mail creation. Fine program. Board met next day on 1960 convention matters. Personally, one thing I hope to get free of in the wake of the TV scandal is listening to laxative commercials while eating breakfast. Another sore spot . . . listening to reducing pill commercials when we know that the pills are only powdered milk and lemon juice. § § § Have been having some discussions lately on agency compensation. Is the traditional 15% commission doomed to extinction? Have been reading Bill Long's (Whitefish Bay, Wis.) portfolio on new methods of agency compensation. Needs much study and more conversations. Will get to it later . . . I hope. § § § A short trip to Lakeland to attend meeting of Office Supply and Equipment Assn. Another group getting more interested in direct mail. § § § That's about all the space we have left for this last page of this last issue of the year. In spite of all the over-sensational ballyhooing of Christmas, we are wishing all of you a happy, safe and sensible holiday season. We are inclined to agree with the crusade of the National Safety Council. It is urging employers to go easy on or dry up the annual Christmas and/or New Year's parties. The Council emphasized it is not trying to dampen the traditional Christmas spirit, but it firmly believes "you just can't have a Merry Christmas if someone you love is hurt or killed." Keep alive for a Happy New Year!

Good luck always.

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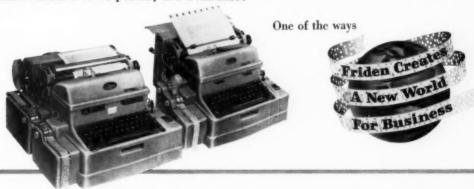
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